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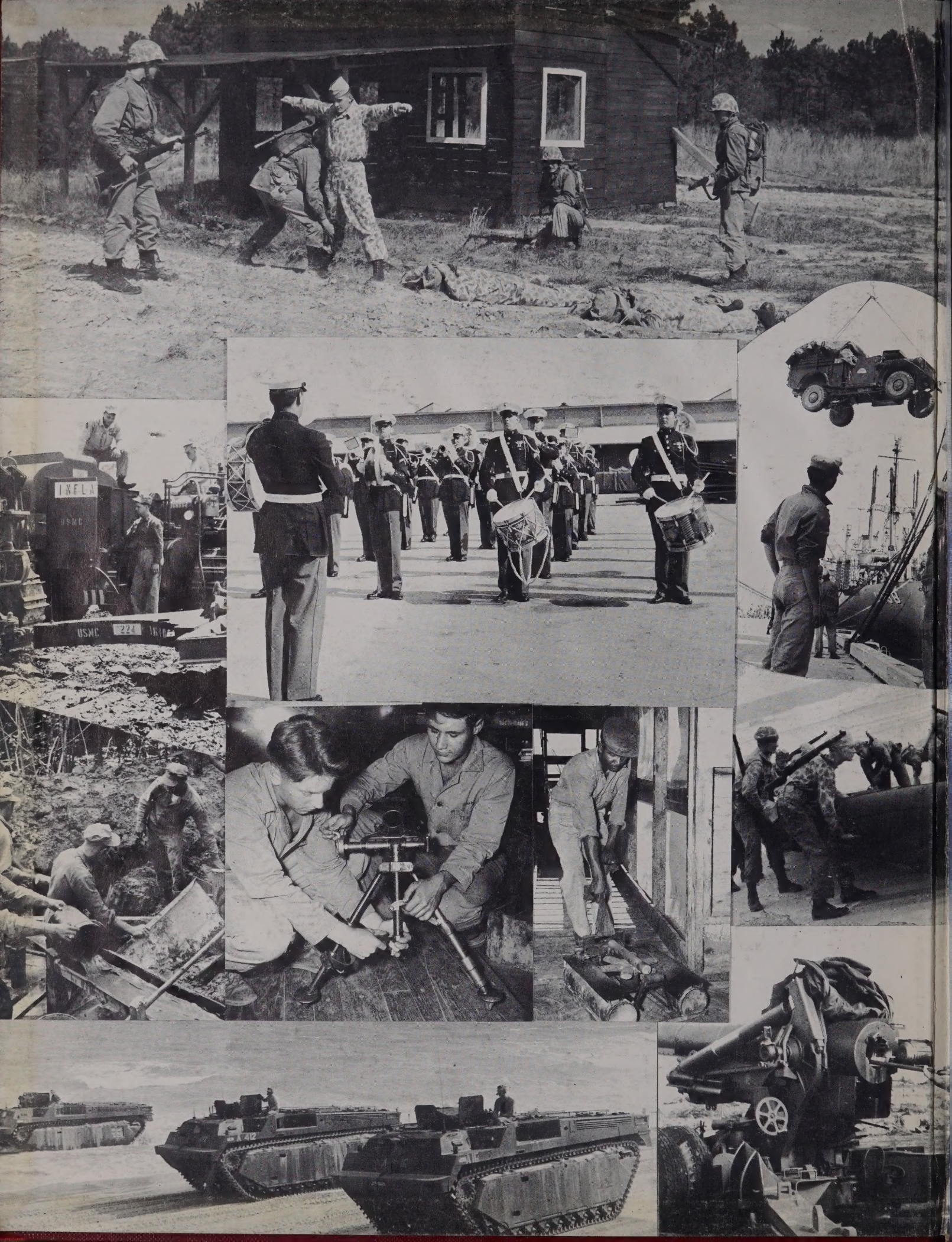
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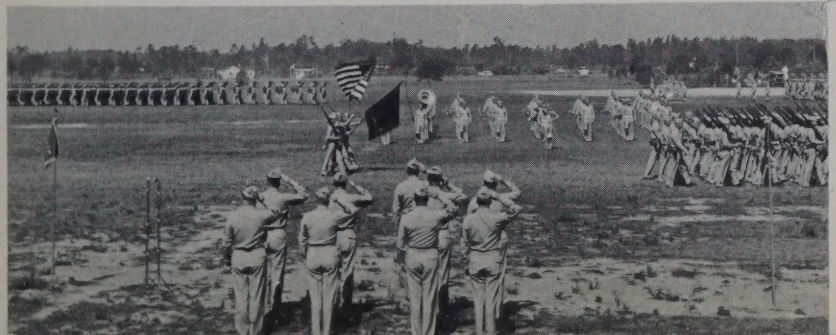
Unit 2ND ANGLICO

MORNING COLORS....The American Flag is raised each morning at 0800 in front of the Commanding General's Office, Camp Geiger, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

The "Globe and Anchor"....the Marine Corps Emblem

Brig. Gen. Robert B. Luckey, Commanding General, Force Troops and the general staff; Col. Walker A. Reaves, Chief of Staff; Col. Jack Hawkins, G-3; Lt. Col. George B. Kantner, G-1; Lt. Col. Roy D. Miller, Asst. G-3; and Lt. Col. Edward C. Thoemmes, Force Troops Supply Officer.

Gen. Luckey and the general staff salute as the Colors pass by.

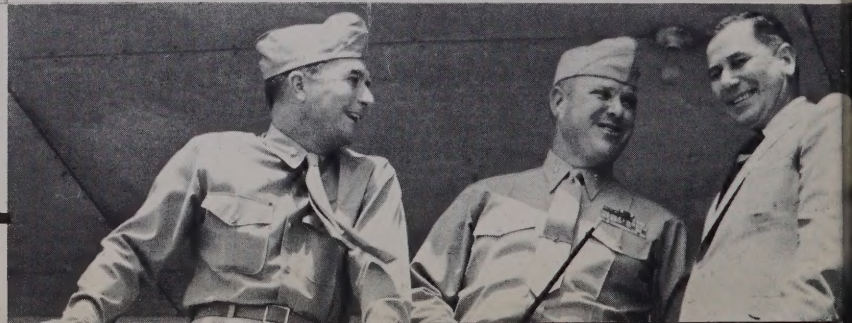


Gen. Luckey reviews Force Troops personnel during a parade and review.

Gen. Luckey with Undersecretary of the Navy Gates during a routine inspection. Maj. Gen. A.H. Noble, Camp Commanding General stands at right.

Gen. Luckey greets Secretary Gates at Onslow Beach. Maj. Gen. L.B. Puller, 2nd Division C.G. is at left.

Lt. Col. T. Watson, commanding officer, 2nd Armored Amphibian Bn. and Lt. Col. W.E. Lunn, C.O. of 2nd Tracs with Sec. Gates.



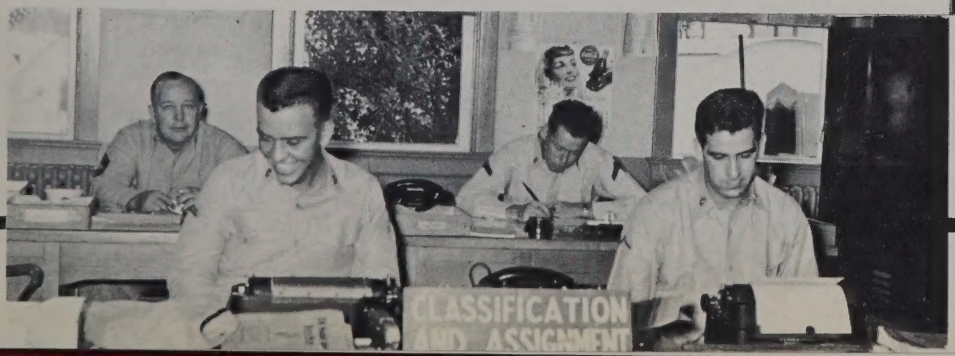
Legal Section, Headquarters

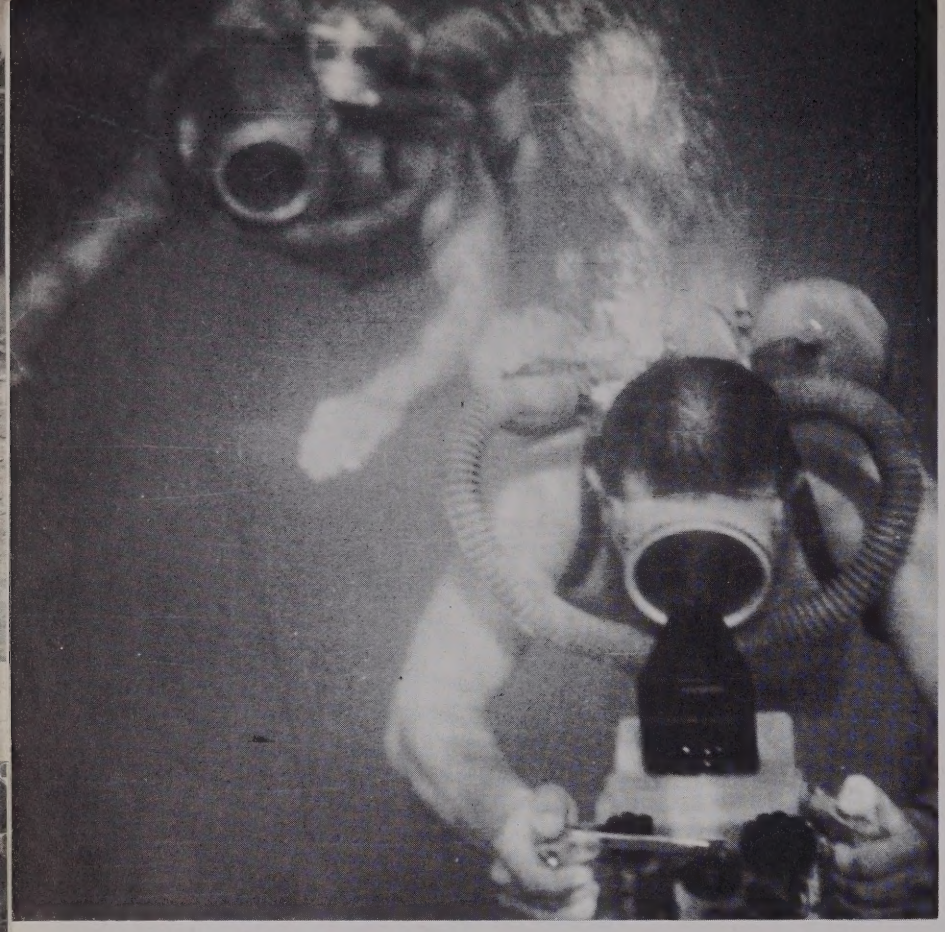
Capt. C.W. Hutton, Officer Personnel Section, Lt. J.F. Rodriguez, Asst. Adjutant, Col. F.X. Witt, G-1 Officer and Capt. W.J. Benyo, Adjutant

Clerical Section G-4 (Logistics) Section

Enlisted Personnel Section

Headquarters...Classification and Assignment Section



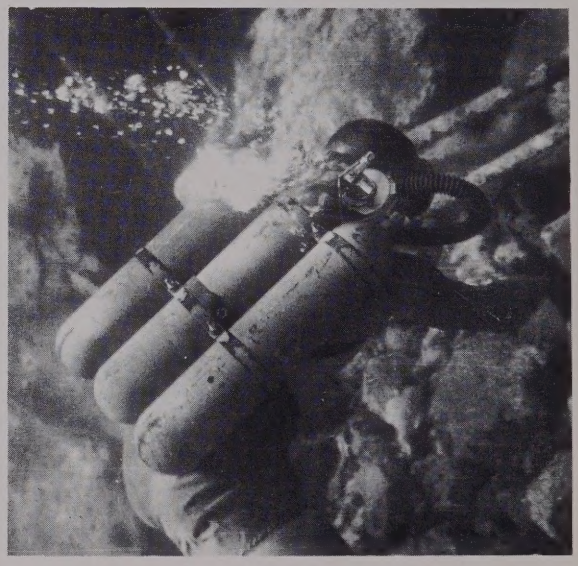


Two Recon frogmen, equipped with aqua lungs photograph dock pilings during part of their underwater demolition training, St. Thomas, V.I.

On the "bottom" at Saint Thomas

2D AMPHIBIOUS RECONNAISSANCE CO.

The 2nd Amphibious Reconnaissance Co. is especially fitted for their mission of amphibious reconnaissance and fast "commando" type raids on enemy beaches. The company's officers and men engage in round-the-clock training to achieve a peak of combat efficiency.



A frogman explores a sunken wreck near St. Thomas

Morning muster during summer training at Onslow Beach

Inflation of the boats....

A ROUTINE TRAINING EXERCISE:

The long carry to the beach....

launch...

and through
the surf.....

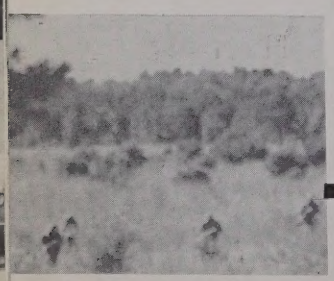
from the sea and....

the charge to
the sand dune s.

AGRESSORS

An aggressor "fires" on attacking forces from a window of a combat town during LANTAGLEX maneuvers.

The 2nd Provisional Marine Aggressor Co. supplies and maintains some $350,000 worth of special devices and uniforms for Marine maneuvers. Such special devices as pneumatic mockups, blast simulators and smoke generators make the exercises more realistic.



Marines advance on "enemy" forces

The entire company with their commanding officer, 1st Lt. John Lawendowski (lower right)

Camouflaged aggressor scouts move through Camp Lejeune "boondocks" while on a patrol

Three aggressors are searched by 2nd Division Marines after their capture, following an attack on a combat village.

RETURN TO THE "STATES"

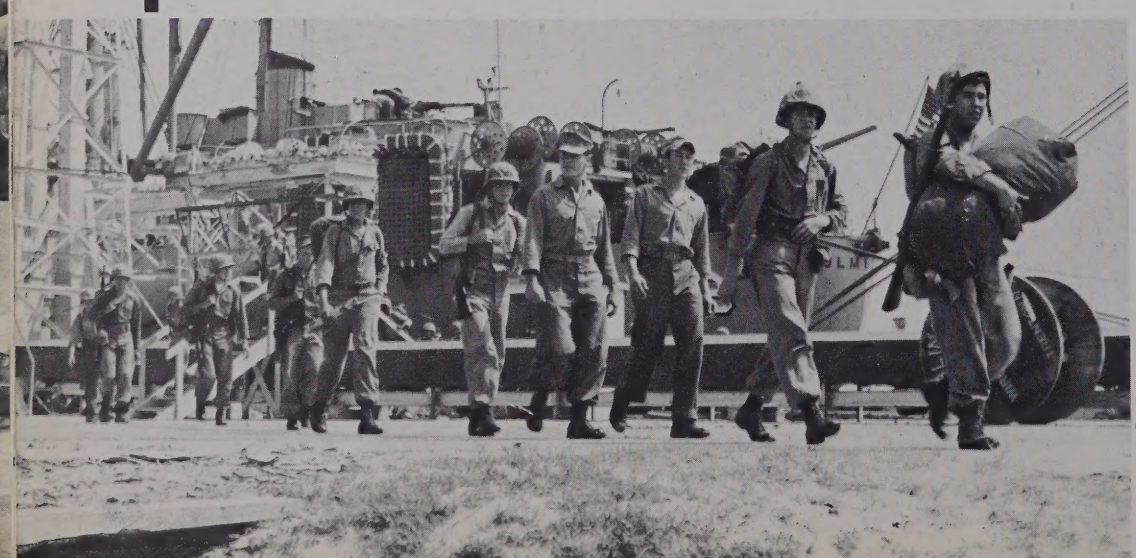
Seabags and field marching packs go ashore with their owners as troops debark at Morehead City, N.C.

A three quarter ton truck is offloaded

Early in May, officers and men of TRAEX 3-55 arrived at Morehead City, N.C. from Vieques, P.R. aboard Navy ships. The last "TRAEX" of fiscal year 1955, the exercise was commanded by Brig. Gen. Jack Juhan.

Welcome...family style

Marines move to busses for transport to Camp Lejeune

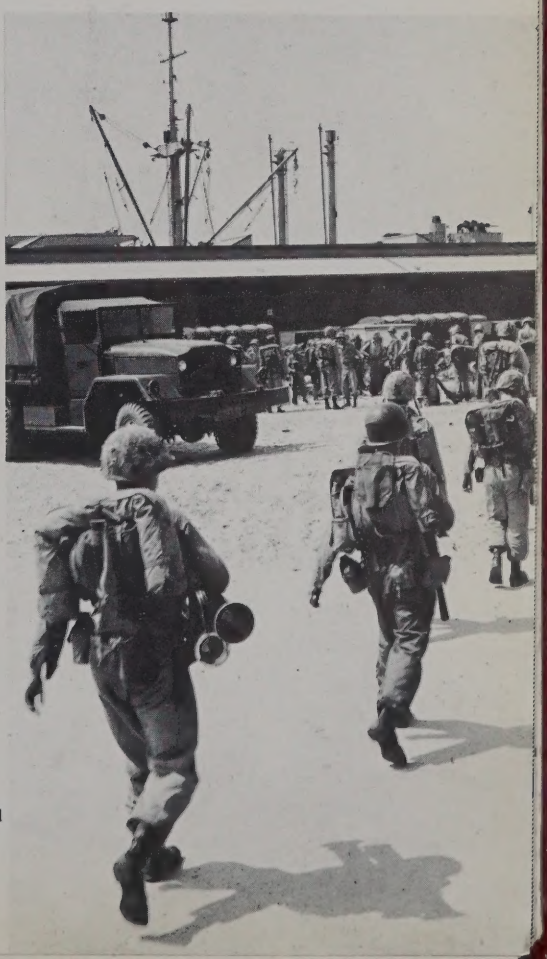


Marines throng the rails of an "APA" while looking for wives and loved ones

"A welcome home".... by wife and kids

A Marine's son watches the unloading of a LST at Morehead City.

Leathernecks of the 8th Marine Regt. move to an assembly point.



Enlisted Service Club....'Milk and cookies line'

Full shelves..The
Marine Corps Exchange

Force Troops Hobby Shop

Dr. Frank A. Hamilton,
"C.O." 2nd Hospital Co.

The "Ward"..Main Force Troops Infirmary

Colonel L. S. Hamel

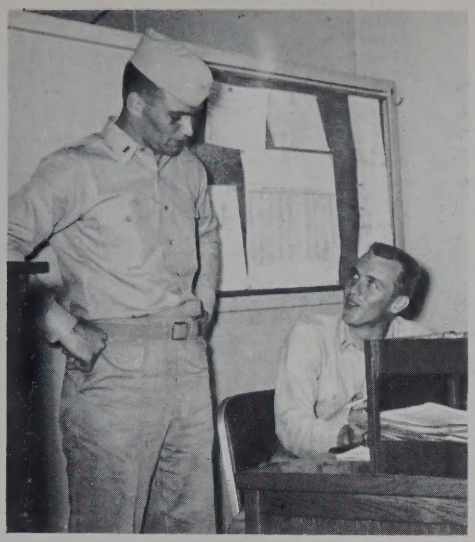
Commanding Officer

2ND COMBAT SERVICE GROUP

Maj. J.A. Bohler (left), Battalion C.O. and Maj. Hopkins, Bn. Exec.

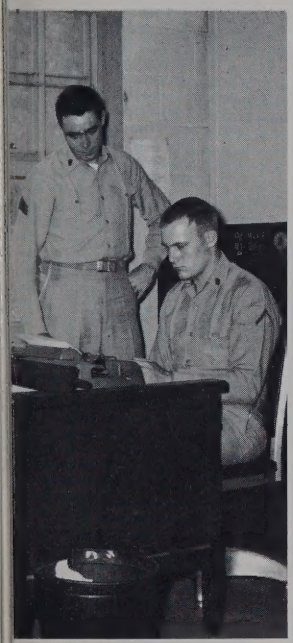
H&S BATTALION

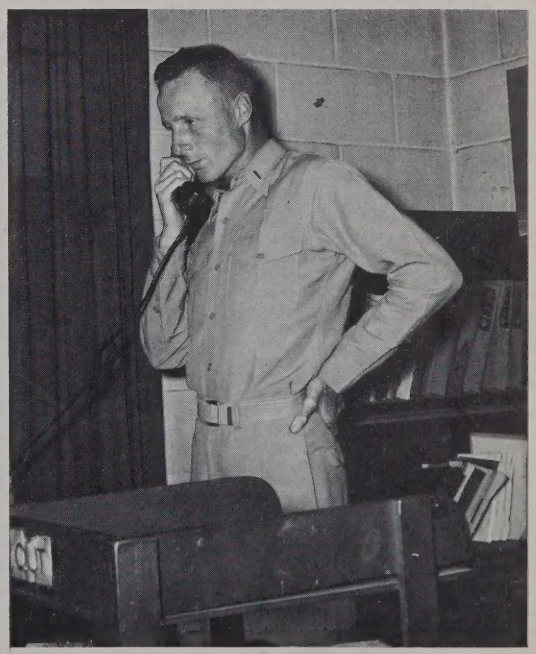
Military Police Platoon's daily inspection



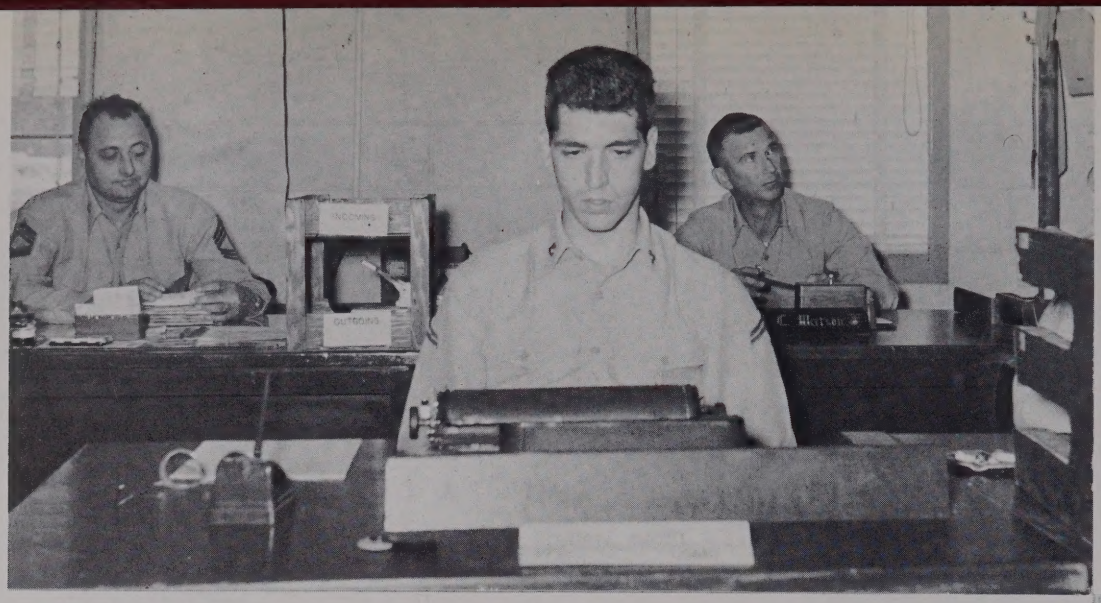
Hq. Co. officers

Service Record book clerk





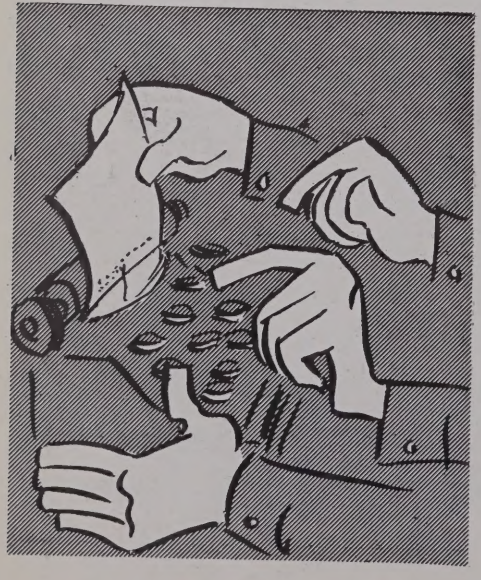
1st Sgt. Hq. Co. and office workers



Personnel record section

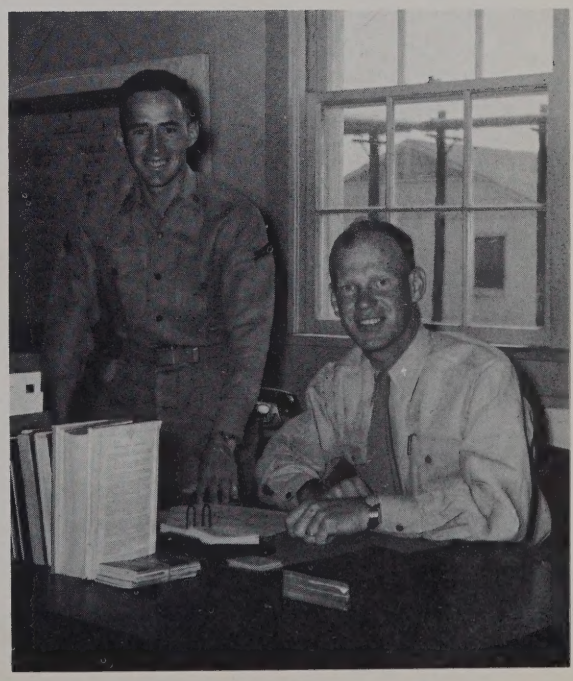
Bn. S-3 Officer,
Maj. Sheppard

S-4 Office

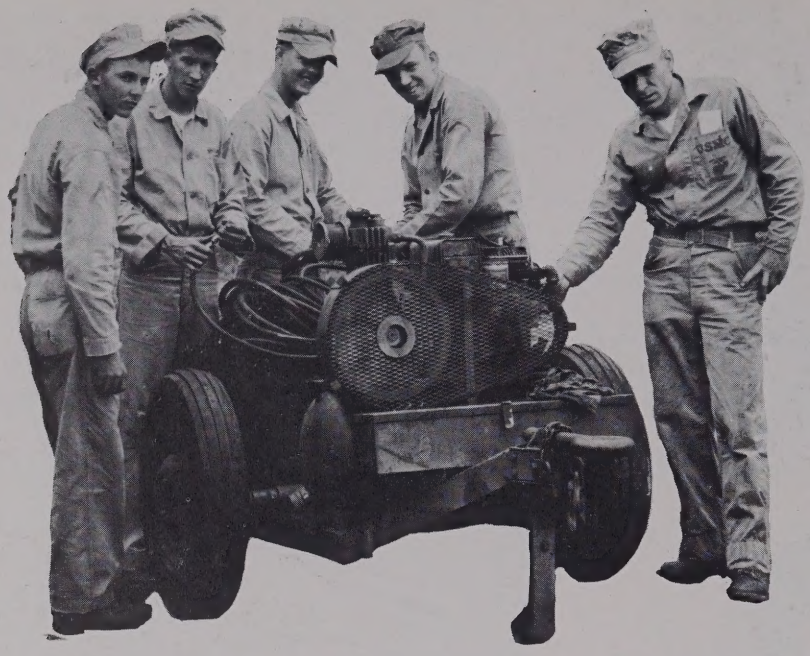


2nd Combat Service Group Post Office

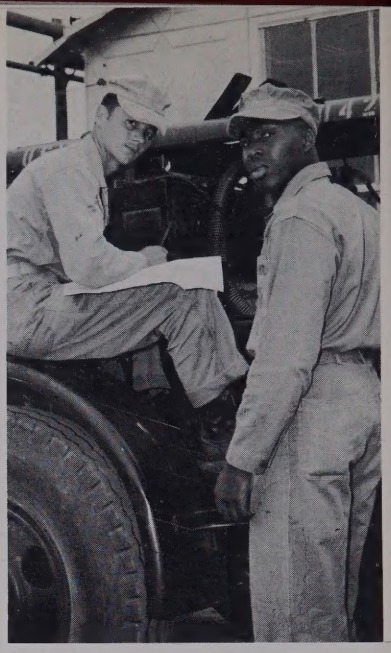
The "ball scores" via short wave radio



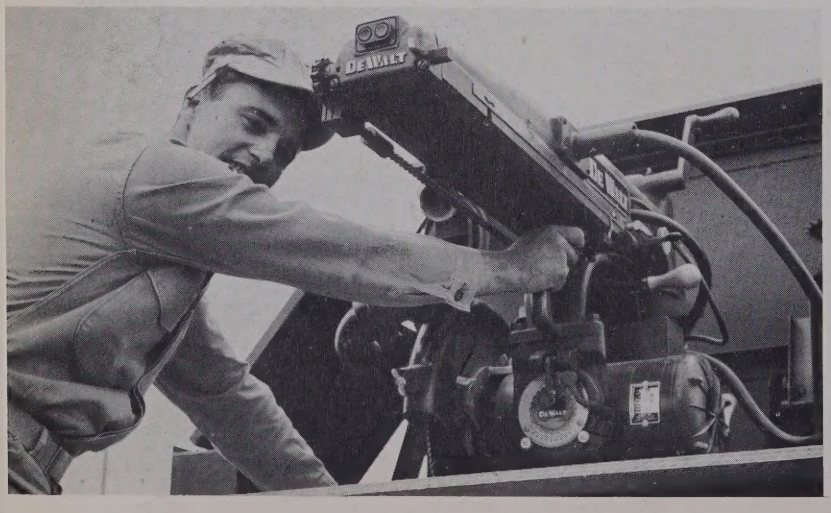
Chaplain, Lt. Burgeson



Service Co. personnel around a portable air compressor

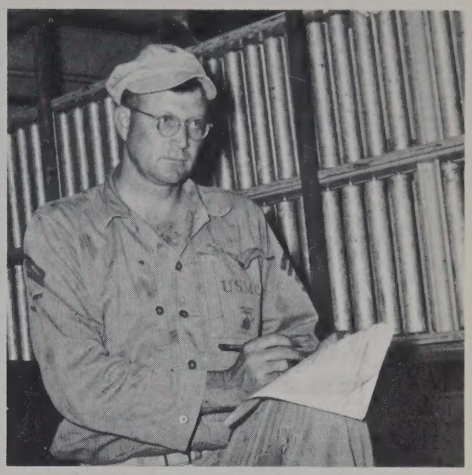


Group Communications Section



Heavy Equipment Company

Maintenance Section carpentry shop



Checking an inventory

Building boxes

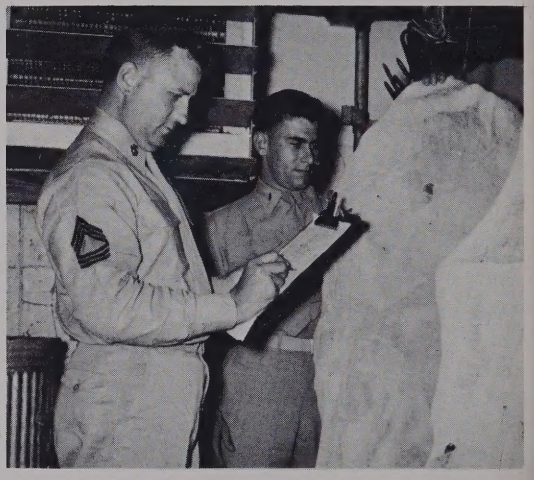
Stencil cutting Room

Shipping crates

Warehouseman

Noon chow in the making

Inventory...sides of beef



2nd COMBAT SERVICE GROUP MESSHALL

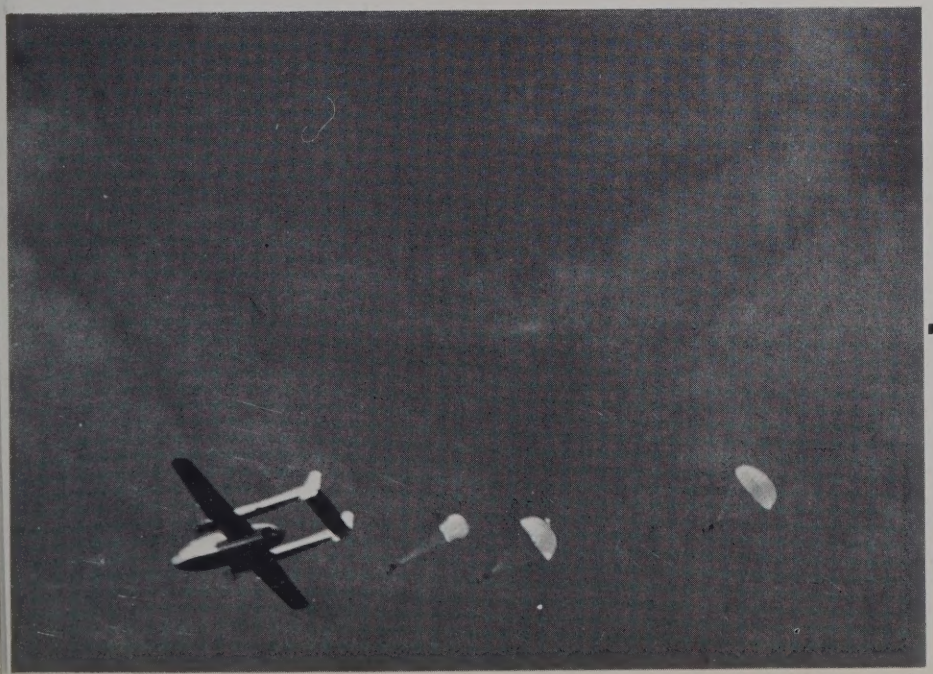
Staff NCO mess

"Pepper hot"

Loading.....

.....the long wait.....

....away from a R4Q.....



.....and back to solid earth.

MAINTENANCE BATTALION

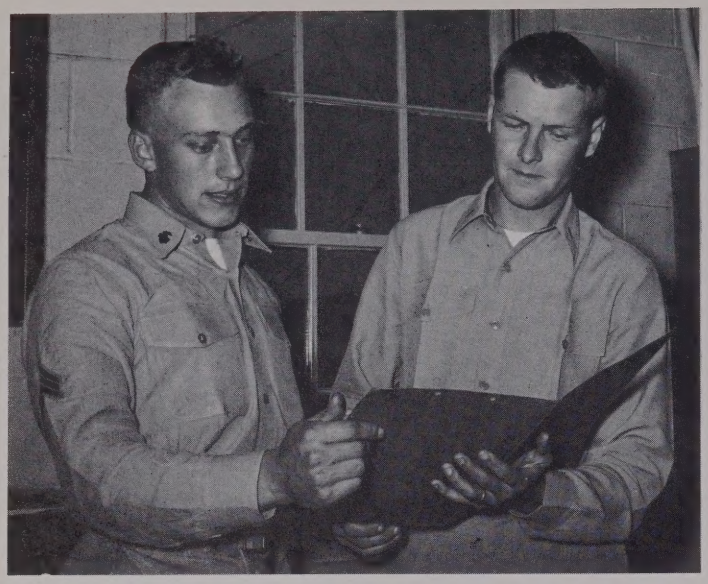
8th Ordnance Field Maintenance Company Office

The Battalion mimeograph operator

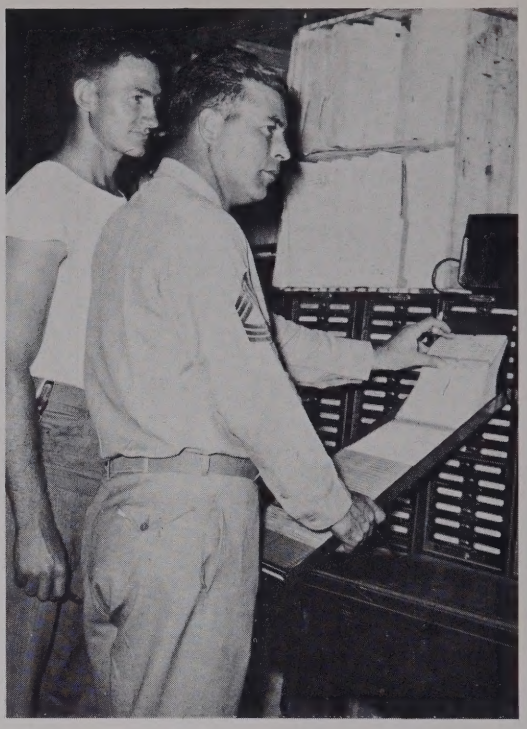
M/Sgt. J.J. Dolacky.....
Battalion Sergeant Major

Group Ordnance Special Staff Section

Group Electronics Special Staff Section



Chief Clerk and Battalion Adjutant (l to r) Sgt. Chester Anderson and 1st Lt. Sidney Batchelder



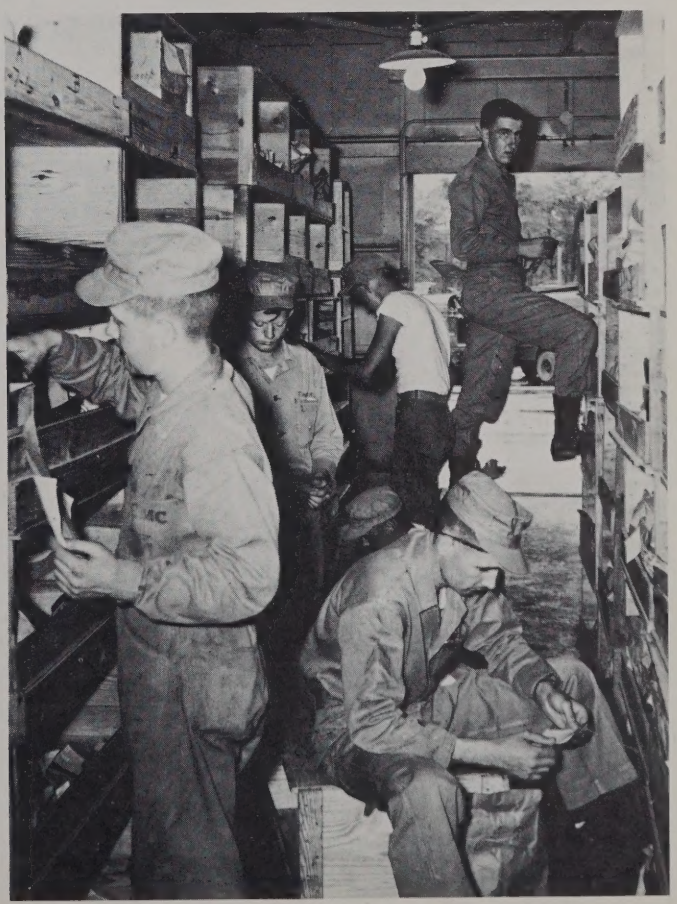
Stock Account-8th Signal Supply Company

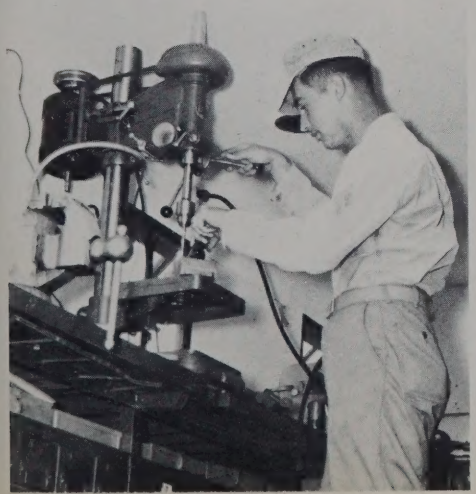
8th Ammunition Company office

Group Maintenance

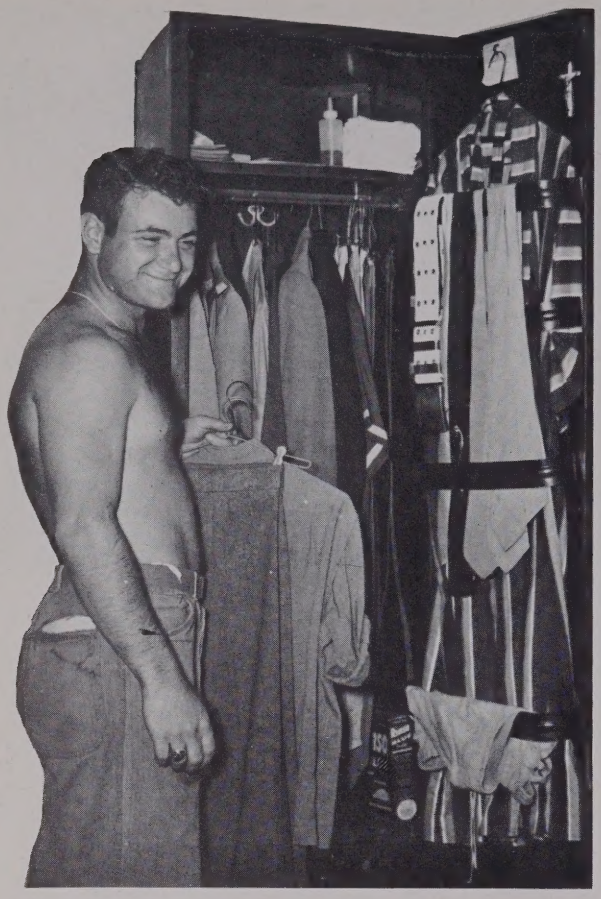
TESTING....8th Signal Field Maintenance Co. shop

Signal Supply Co. warehouse





Short hole, drill press style



Liberty call.... "Civies" are the order of the day

Off duty hours

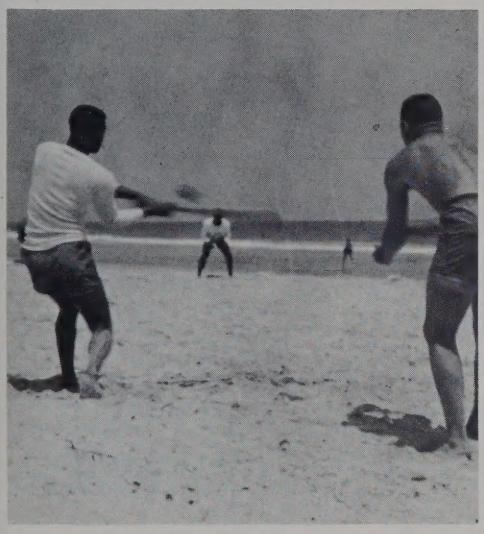
8th Ammo Co. barracks

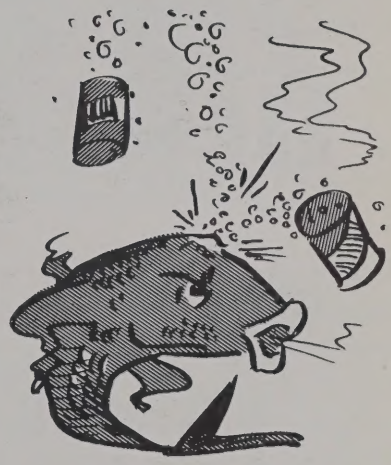
BEACH PARTY

Maintenance Bn. at
Onslow Beach

A tall cool one.....

Beach softball





.....and another

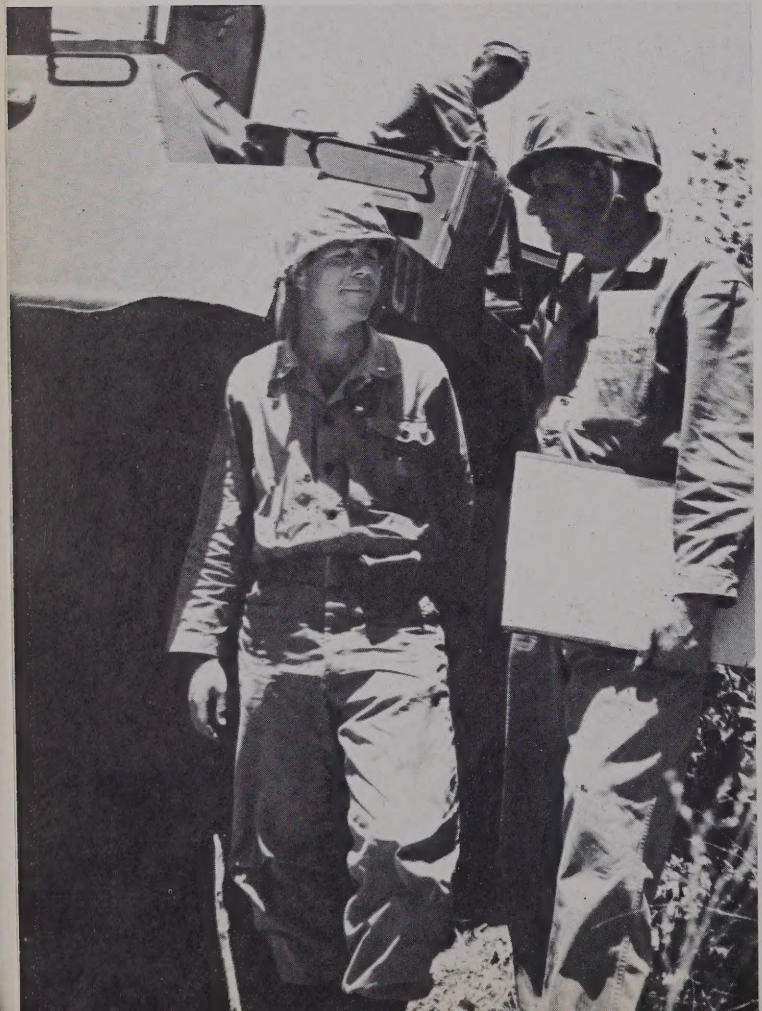
Volleyball team

Rest and relaxation

'Morning, Sir, Sleep well?'

Loading a camouflaged Am Trac
during maneuvers on Vieques

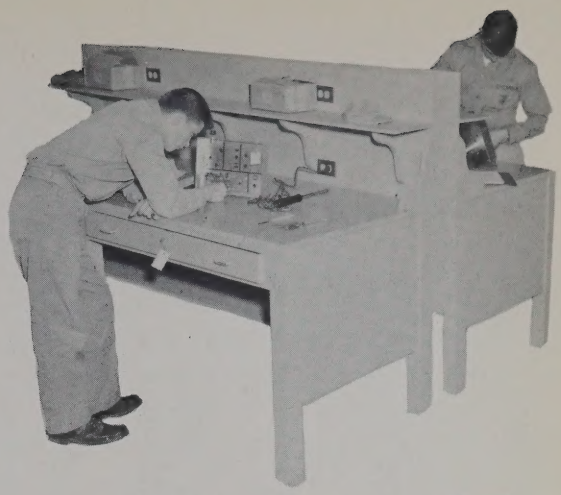
In the Field....Vieques



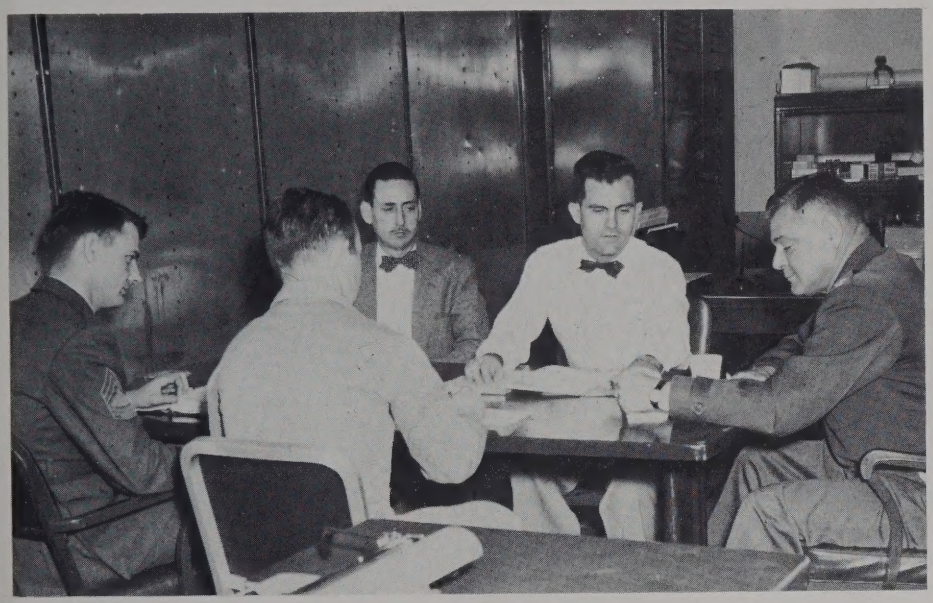
Camouflage techniques in practice

RADIO-ELECTRONICS REPAIR SCHOOL

The school was opened in March, 1955. Utilizing a new concept of technical training, the school trains marines in three four week periods each interpersed by a 90 day on-the-job training period in the man's parent unit.

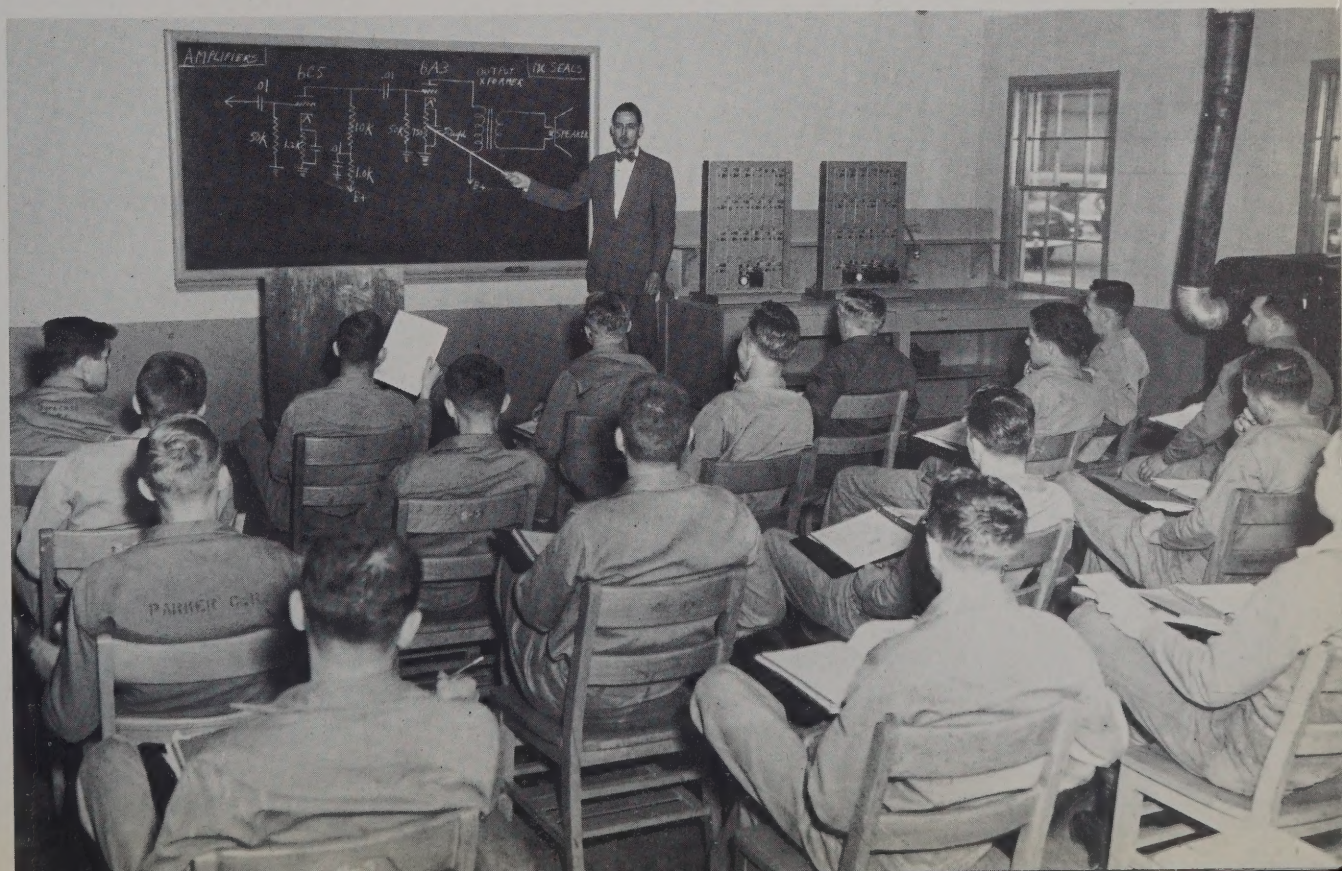


Constructing a basic radio--part of the class room work

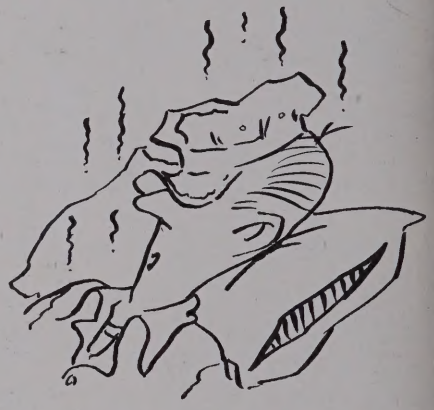


STAFF CONFERENCE...(l to r, facing camera) Mr. Marvin Seals; Mr. Fred Browning, School Director; Col. L.S. Hamell, Commanding Officer 2nd Combat Service Group; M/Sgt. C.L. Cunningham, NCOIC; and S/Sgt. Mulvey, Instructor; discuss the curriculm of the newly established Radio-Electronics Repair School.

Mr. Marvin Seals, Field Engineer, Ratheon Mfg. Co., Waltham, Mass, instructs a class in radio principles.



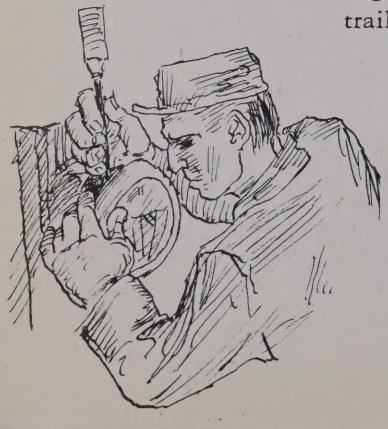
'Lift dat bar and tote dat bale...'

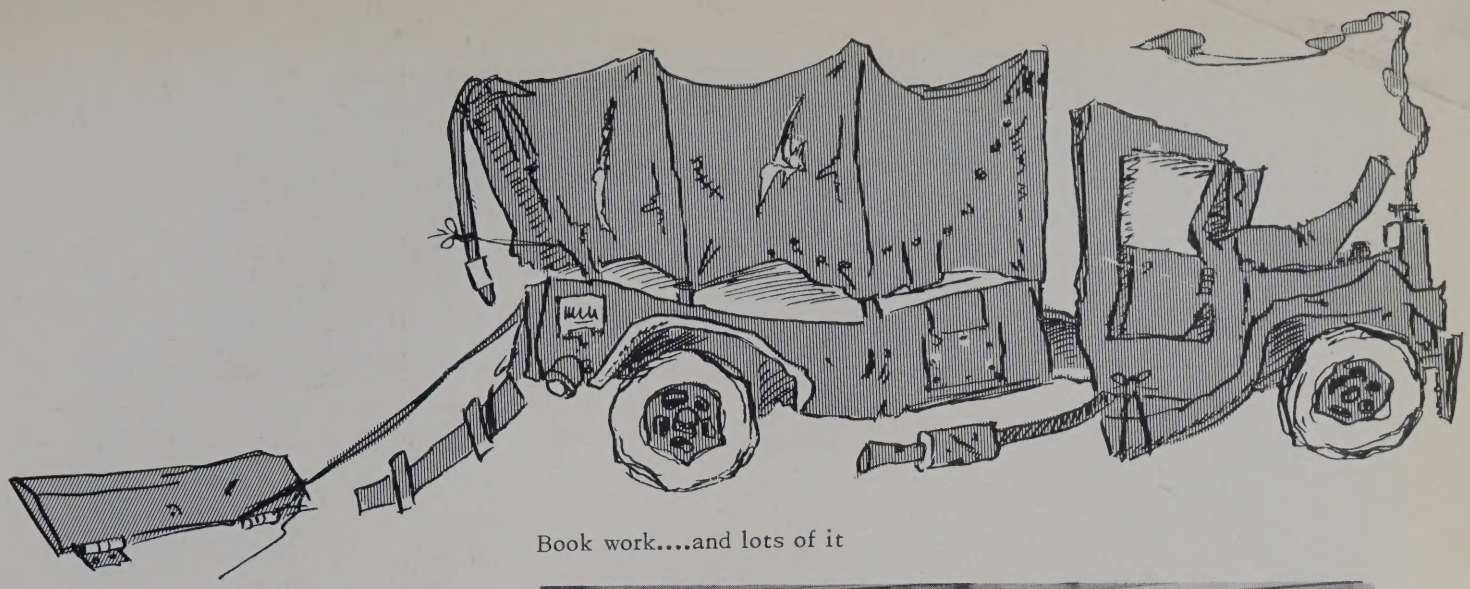


SUPPORT BATTALION

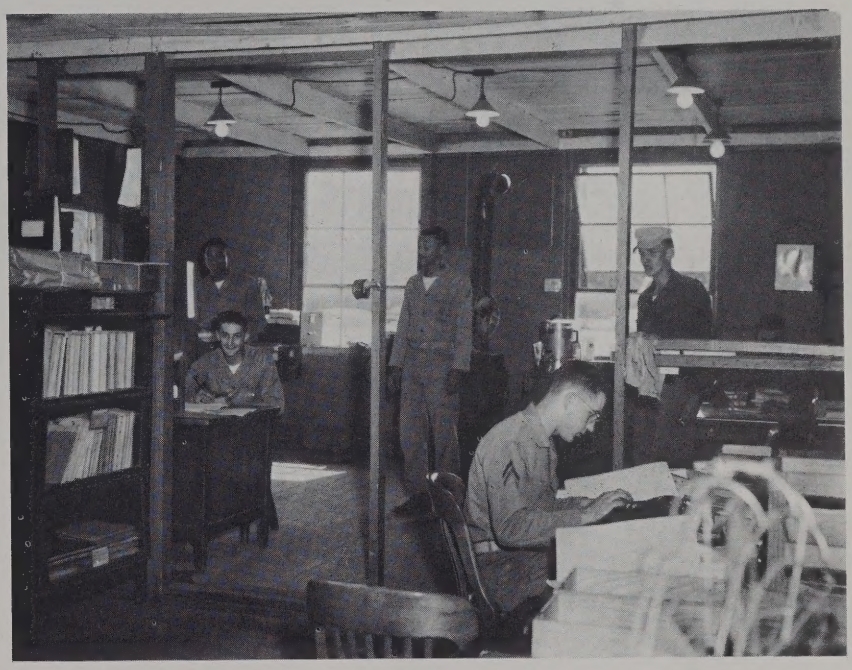
Bulldozer Repair--8th Engineer Field Maintenance Co.

The 8th Engineer Field Maintenance Co. performs all third and fourth echelon repair on all engineer type items such as cranes, bulldozers, generators etc. Equipped with machine shop trailers the company can move into the field to complete its mission.





Book work....and lots of it

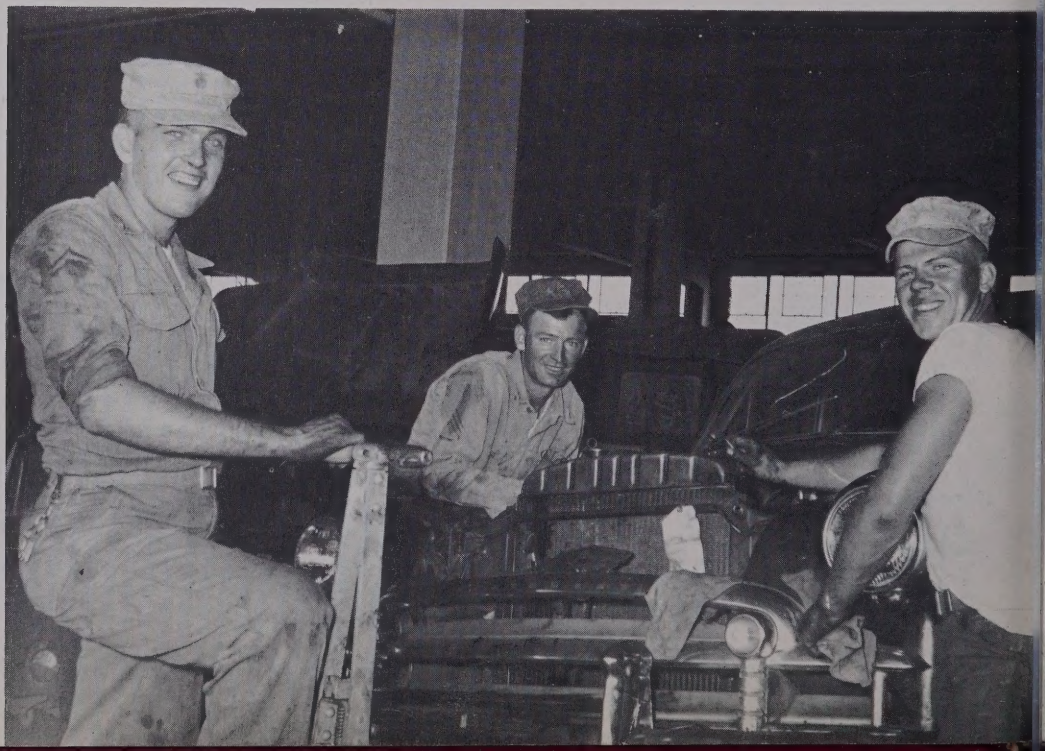


Say, Joe, Look, Another Easy one!

8th Engineer Supply Co. Accountable Offic e

12th Truck Co. personnel gather round a "convoy luber"

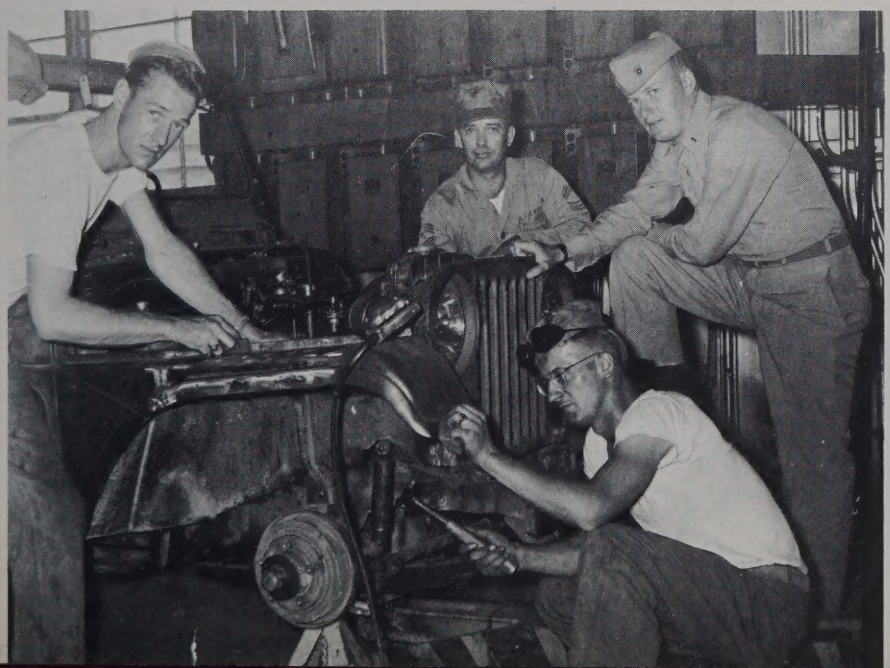
Support Battalion mechanics work on a Force Troops staff car



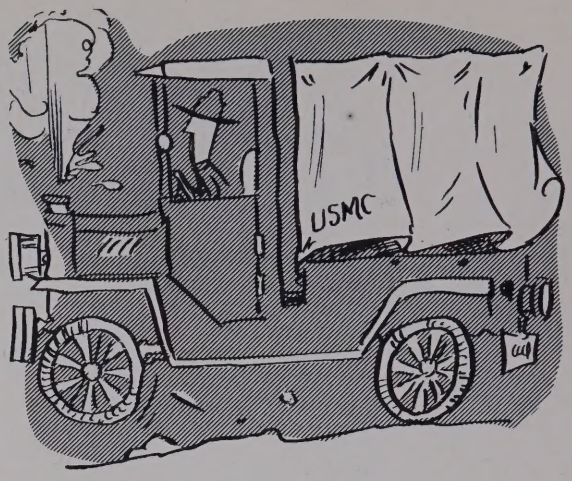
12th Truck Co.'s truck compound

The 8th Auto Field Maintenance Co. is the only engine and body repair company in Force Troops. They are equipped to handle anything on wheels - from removing an engine to replacing a screw.

CRACKED BLOCK....
Capt. N. Cremonese (rt) examines a damaged truck engine

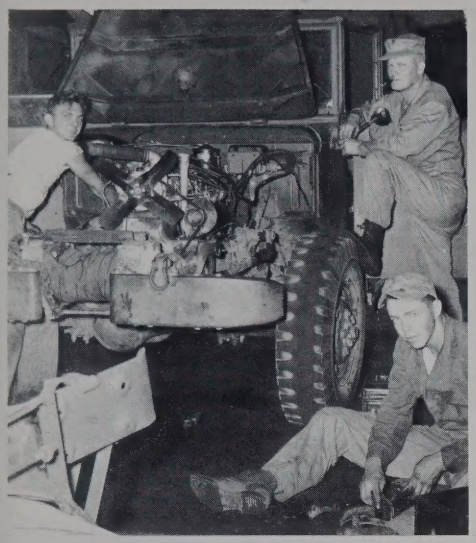


"Spit and Polish", 8th Auto Field Maintenance Co. mechanics put the finishing touches on a jeep's fender.



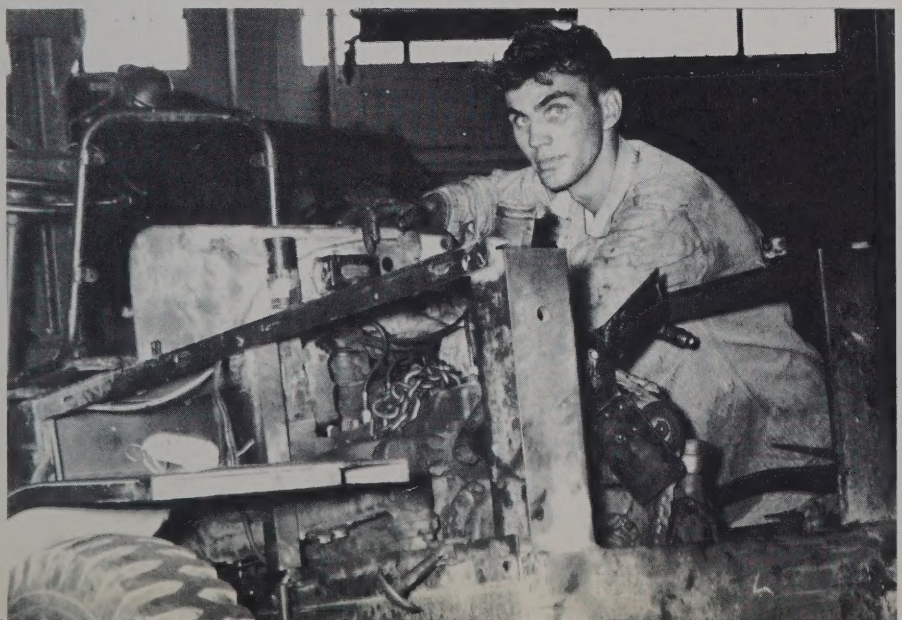
Engineer Supply warehouse

Auto Maint. Co. C.O. (center) Capt. N. Cremonese, 1st Lt. R.A. Zullo and company first sergeant



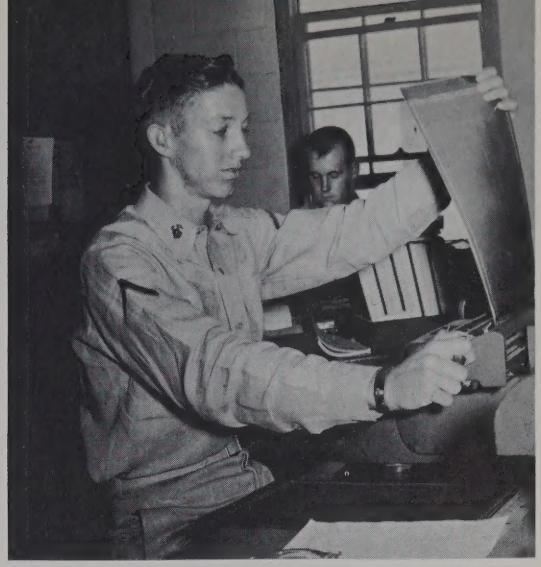
8th Auto Field Maintenance - engine repair

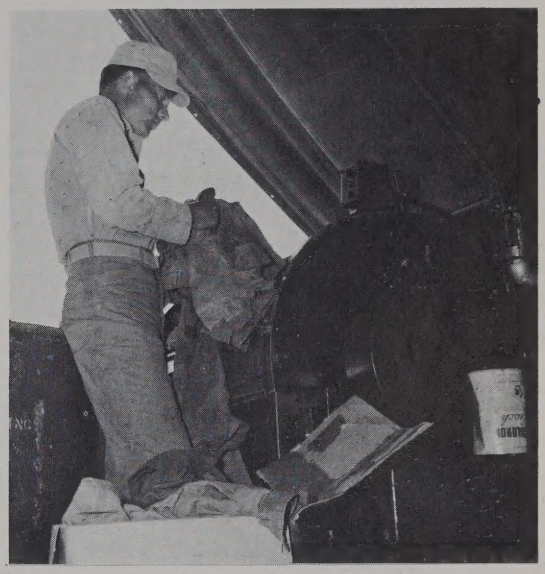
TIME OUT FROM ROUTINE WORK...
A lecture on scouting and patroling



8th Engineer Field Maintenance Co.---
repair of a fork lift truck

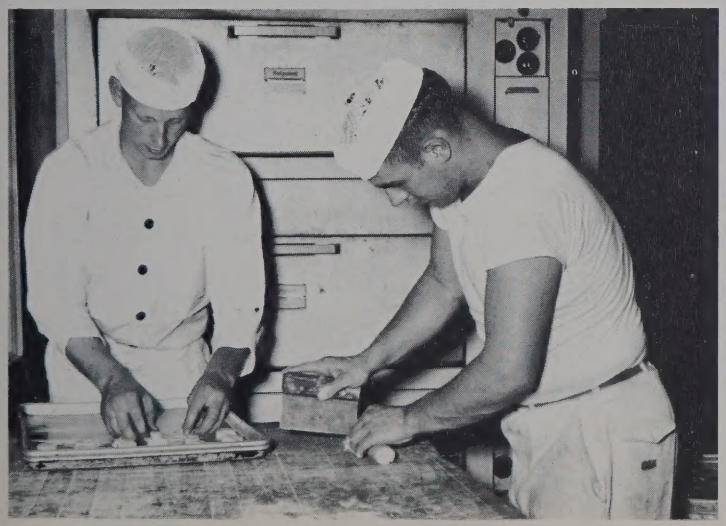
SUPPLY BATTALION





8th Bakery Co. chefs in their field bakery

Cash clothing sales for Camp Geiger is operated by Supply Bn. personnel.



Capt. J.M. Price and T/Sgt. B.D. Costin,
8th General Supply Co.

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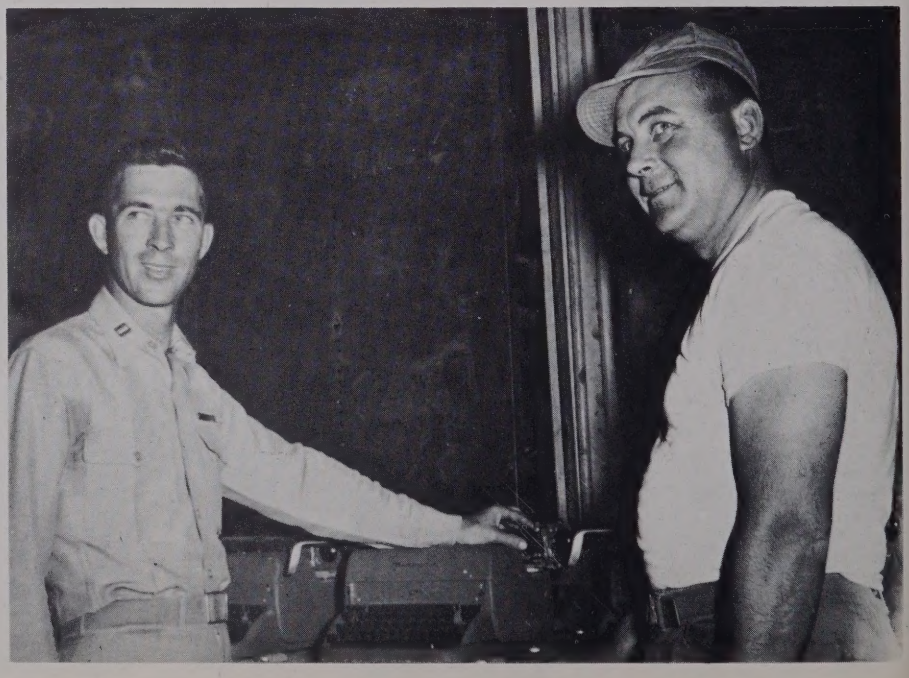
Capt. R.D. Thompson, Headquarters Co. C.O.
and M/Sgt. Shapo, Supply Chief

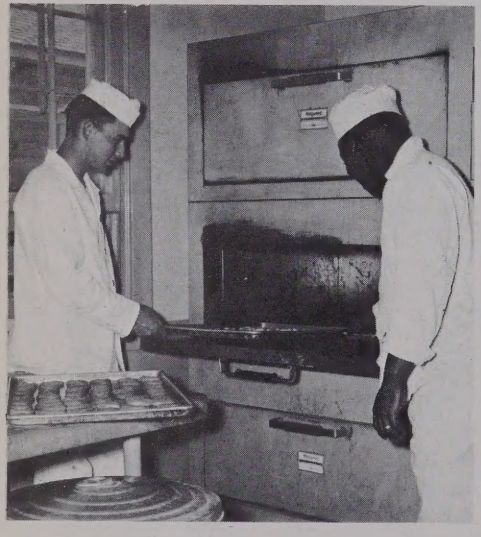


The 8th Shoe and Textile Repair Platoon specializes in "in the field" shoe and canvas repair.

"Retreads"

Typewriter repair shop

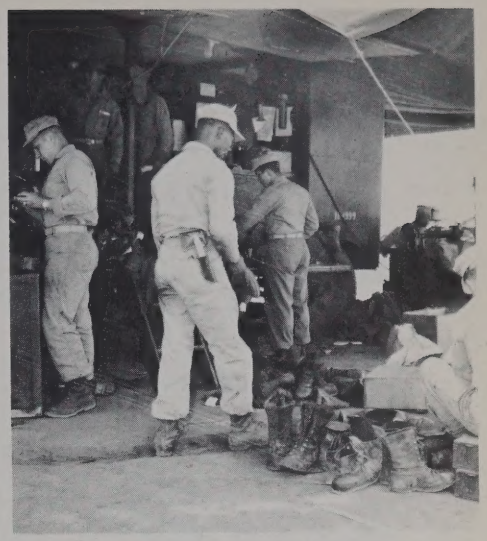
Sorting socks and "skivies" after washing by the 8th Laundry Co.



Doughnut baking - Bakery Co.

Supply Bn. is made up of several small specialized supply units which support division sized units in the field.

Loading two fuel tanks for transport to Onslow Beach

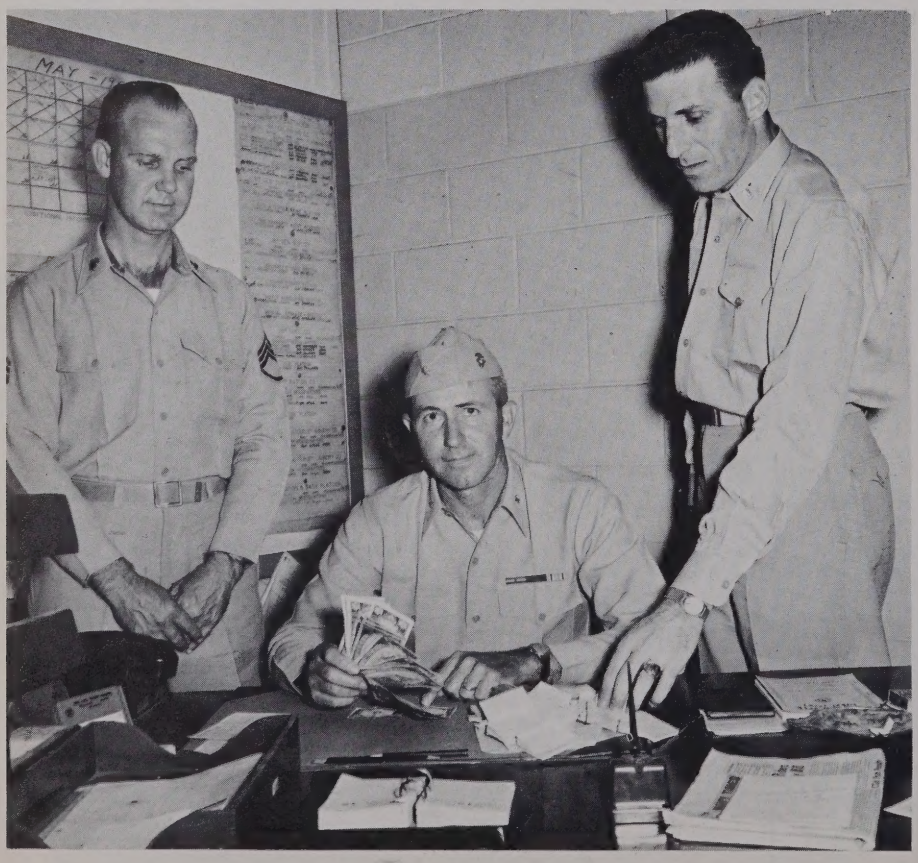


Mobile shoe repair trailer in Vieques

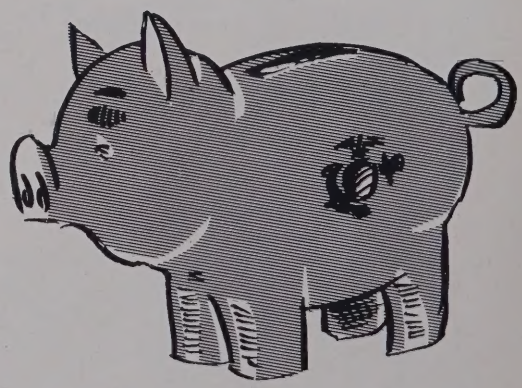
"Fill 'er up" - Sub Unit One, Vieques

Cash Sales.....Every sale a good fit

Oil drum storage yard - Vieques, P.R.



S/Sgt. Jones, Maj. Brown and Lt (jg) D.S. Kessler, USN count an enlisted man's "shipping over" bonus



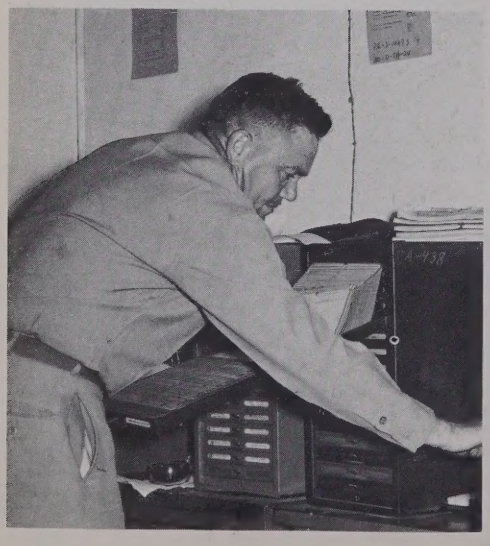
Inventory - 8th General Supply Co.

TRAEX RETURNED...
unloading personal gear

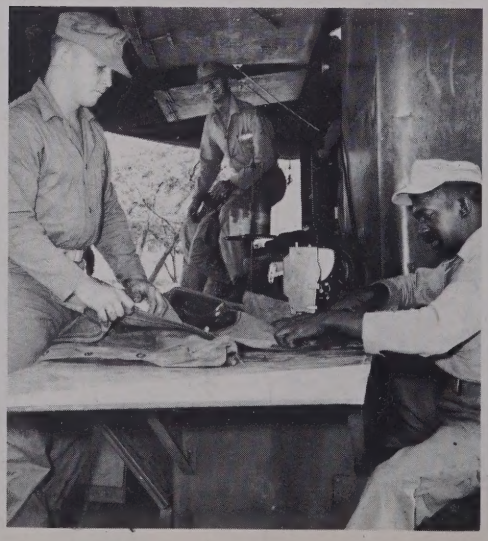
Unloading valves, hose and fire extinguishers at Onslow Beach.

Noon time card game

IRC CARDS.....
Battalion office



Textile Repair Section....
in the field on Vieques



BUCKETS AND CAMP STOOLS------
8th General Supply Co.

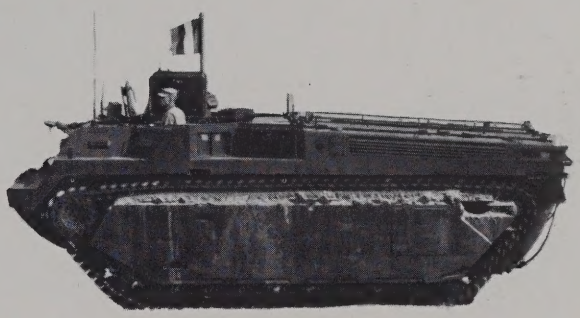
2ND AMPHIBIAN TRACTOR BN.

Amphibious assault-- Vieques- Spring, 1955

An Am Trac Company in armored movement down Onslow Beach.

Over a Dune

Lt. Col. William E. Lunn, commander of the battalion since last March, has been an instrumental in the development of the present day amphibian tractor. A veteran of more than 20 years service, both as an enlisted man and commissioned officer, Col. Lunn holds three Letter of Commendation Medals with Combat "V".

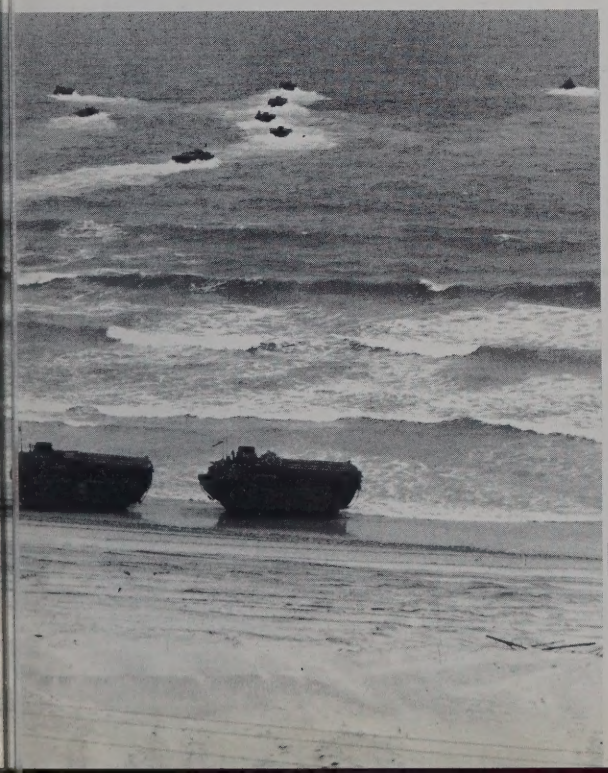


On line for an inspection near the enlisted beach house, Onslow Beach

A holder of the Bronze Star Medal w/Combat "V", Major Dudley F. McGeehan has been battalion executive officer since March 1955. He enlisted as a Private in June 1940, and was commissioned as a 2nd Lt. in September 1942.

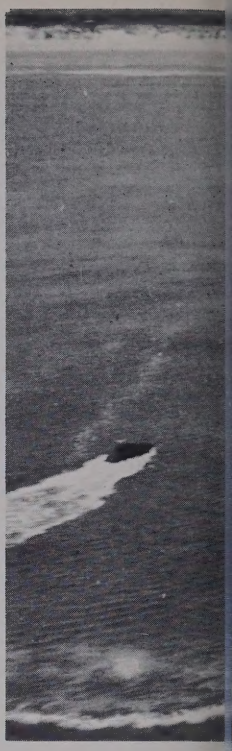
Am Tracs on Vieques

Standing by for an inspection by the Commandant of the Marine Corps.



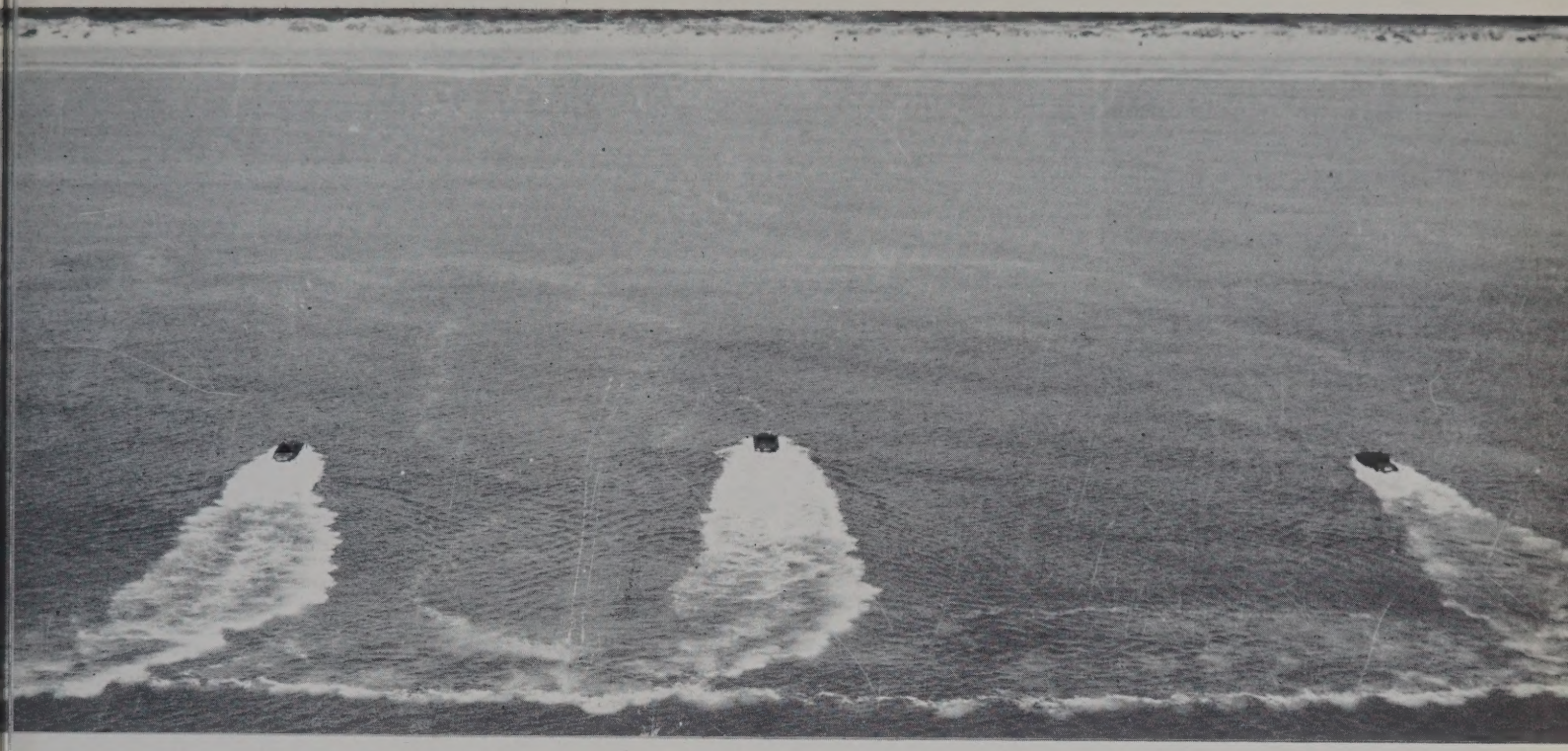
Surf driving exercise on Onslow Beach

An amphibian truck transports Gen. L.C. Shepherd, CMC, on an inspection tour of the battalion.



The type of amphibian tractor presently used by the battalion is the LVT 3C. Powered by two 110 horsepower Cadillac engines, the tractors carry 25 combat ready troops.

One of many periodic maintenance checks performed on the two cadallic engines which power the vehicle.

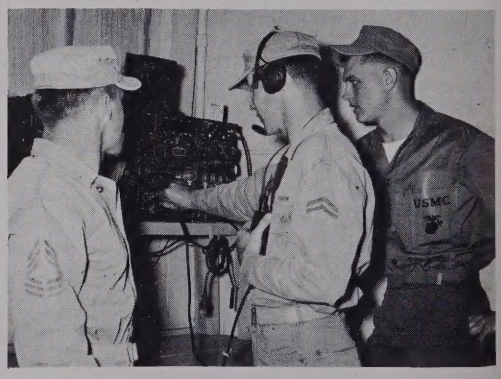


Four am tracs move to the beach during a training day

Battalion Headquarters personnel

Infantry men utilize an am trac as
a command post during a field exercise

radio check



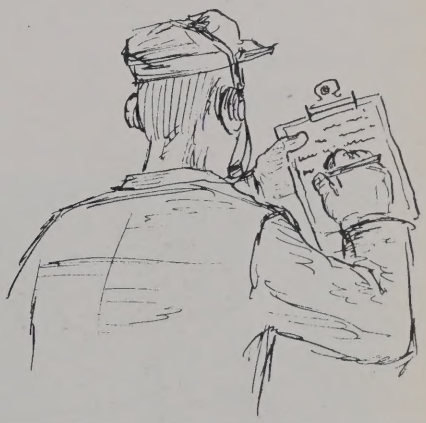
tire troubles

Motor transport personnel
test a new truck engine

Capt. R.H. Fortney-
-Battalion adjutant

CWO T.W. Purvis
is the battalion
communications
officer.

Battalion Comm. men during code practice class

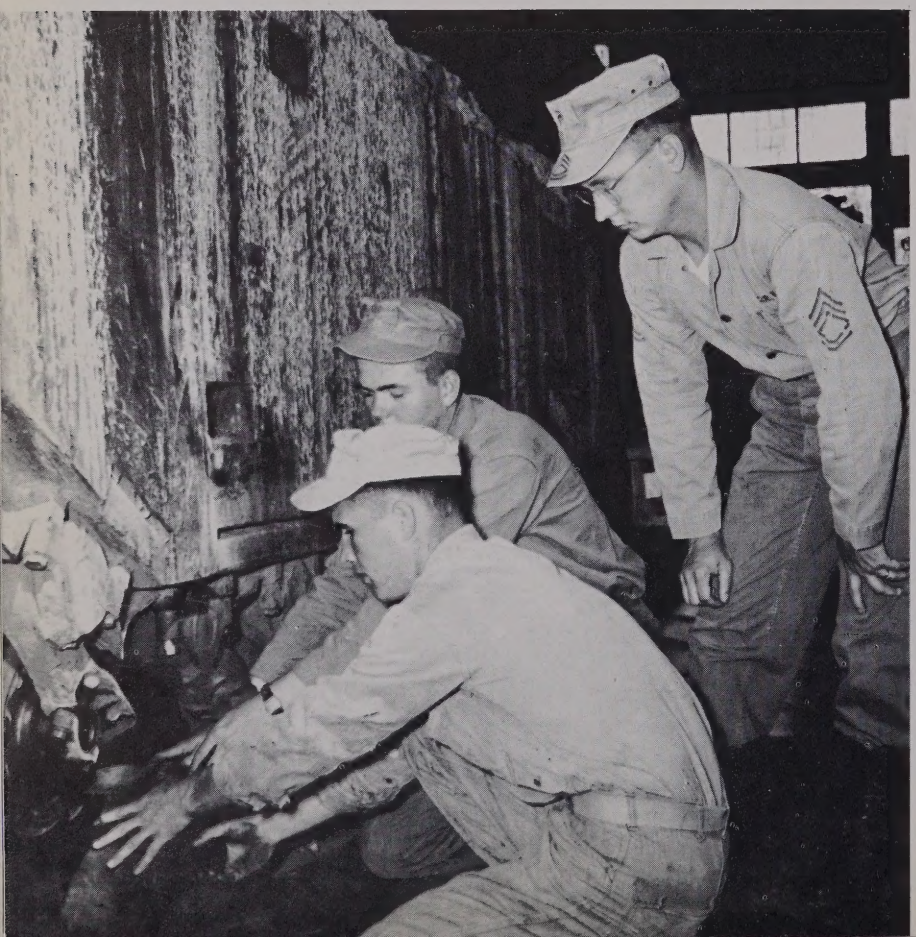


In and Out---surf driving

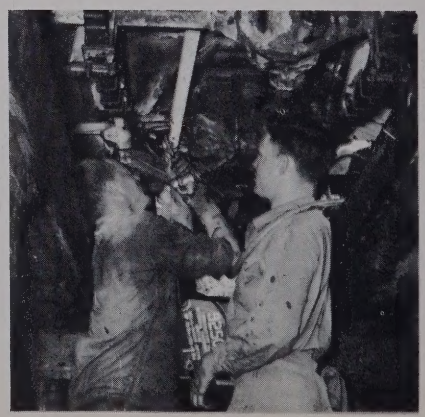
Capt. P. Light-
Maintenance Officer

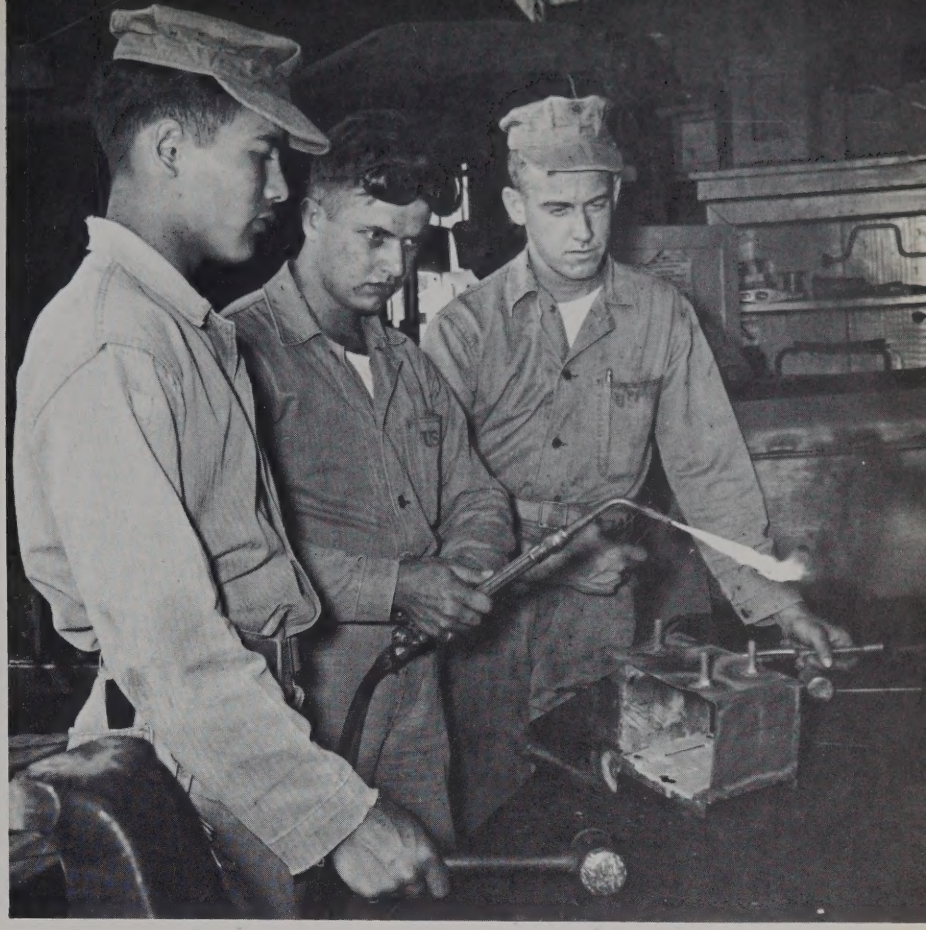
Radio repair shop---communications section

Bn. Maintenance leathernecks change a "buggy wheel" on a Am Trac



Grease job-
a periodic
necessity

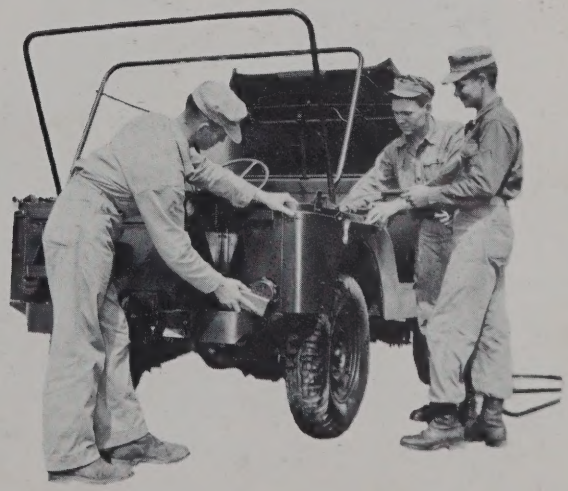


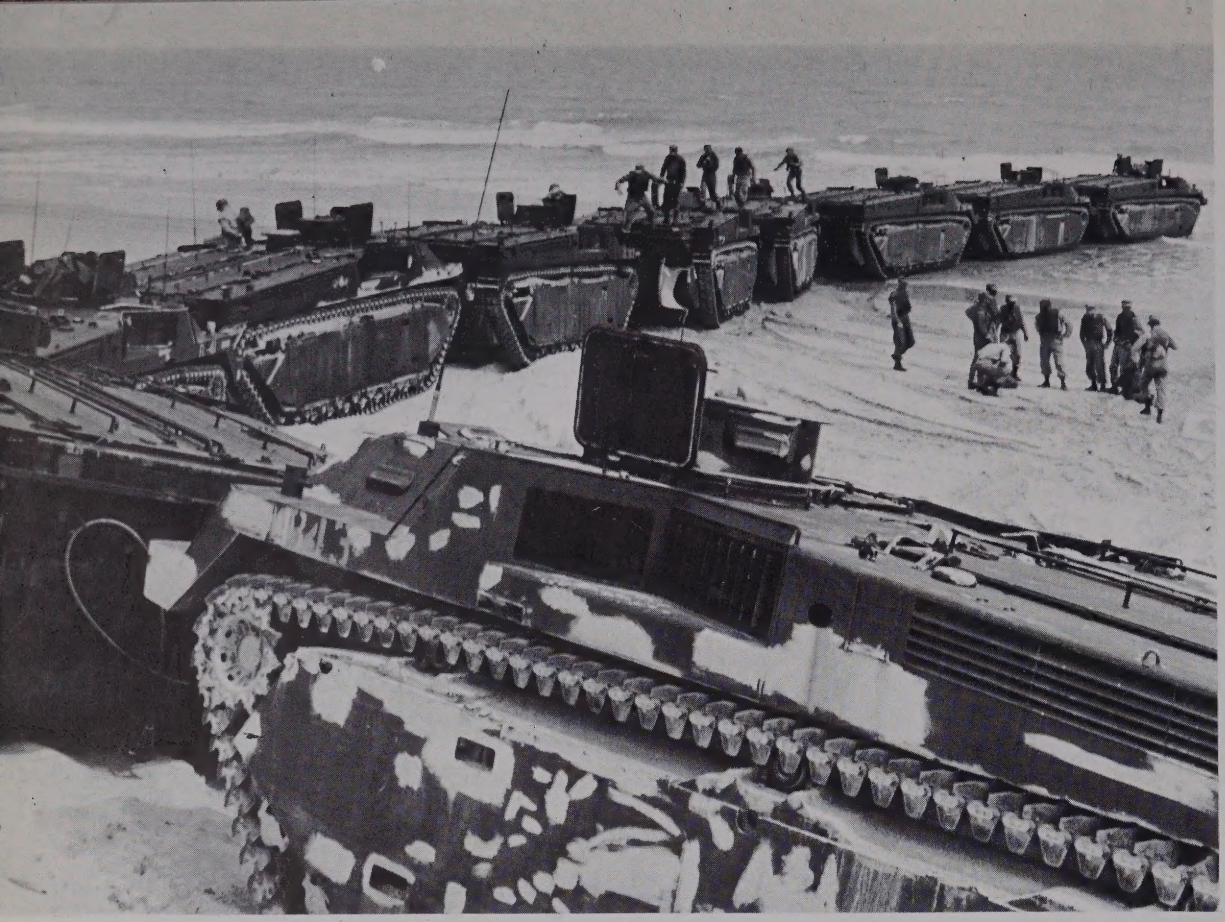


welding the spare tire mount for a jeep

telephone wire installation

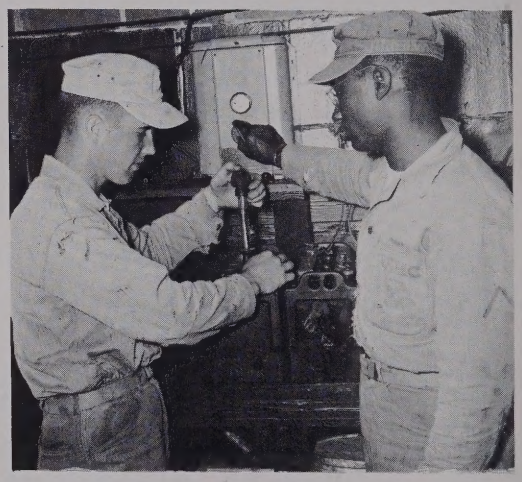
wash job on a battalion jeep





Preparation for surf operations

Battery testing



Maj. H. Nevill, (l) battalion S-3 officer and 1st Lt. Frank Pierce, LVT platoon commander

Motor transport Staff NCOs

Supply section

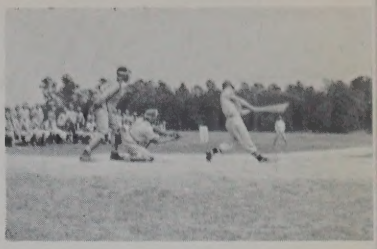
motor transport section

radio contact is maintained with water bourne am tracs

Am tracs move out to an offshore LST.

Spectators....

and the baseball team of Am Tracs



2nd Amphibian Tractor Bn. Baseball Squad

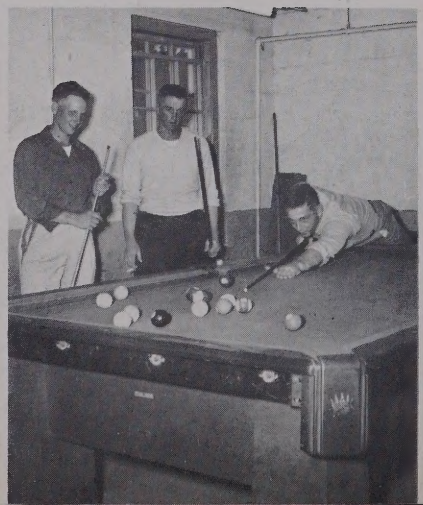
The 2nd Am Trac baseball team won the 1955 Force Troops championship and was the runnerup Camp Lejeune baseball champs. Am Trac teams have won top honors in baseball, football, volleyball, and basketball during the past season.

The courthouse bay PX

Courthouse Bay
Service club

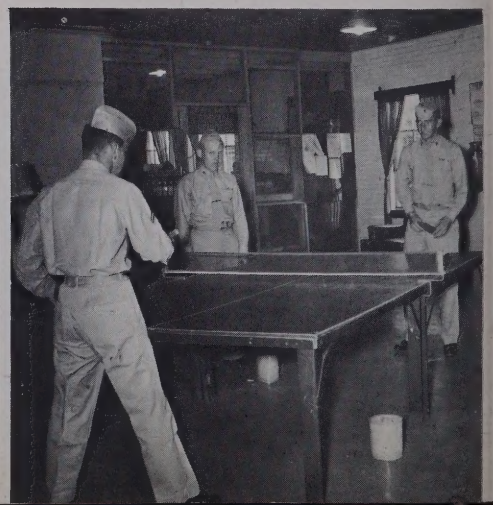
chow...

pool....



and ping pong

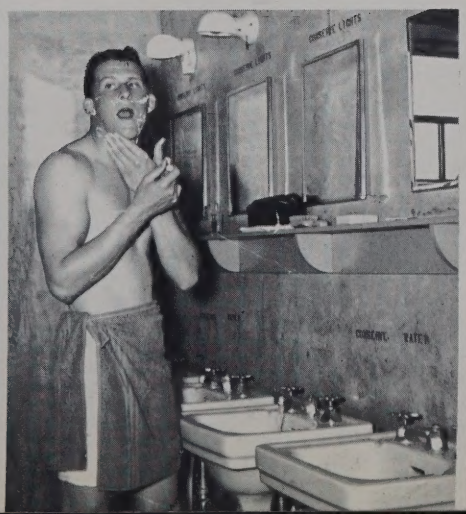
at the courthouse bay service club.

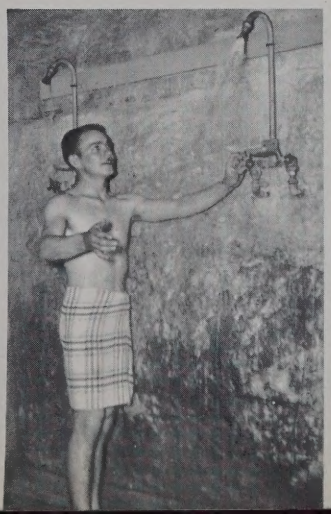


Mail call

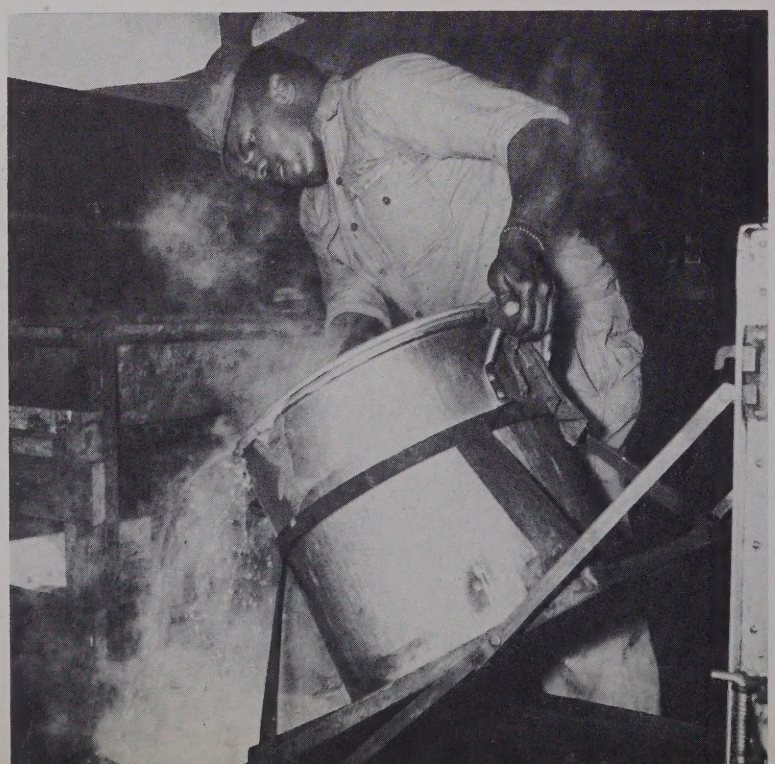
H&S Co. marines remove their M-1's from the rack.

clean shirt... a shave.... a shower.... and washing are three necessary parts of the daily routine.

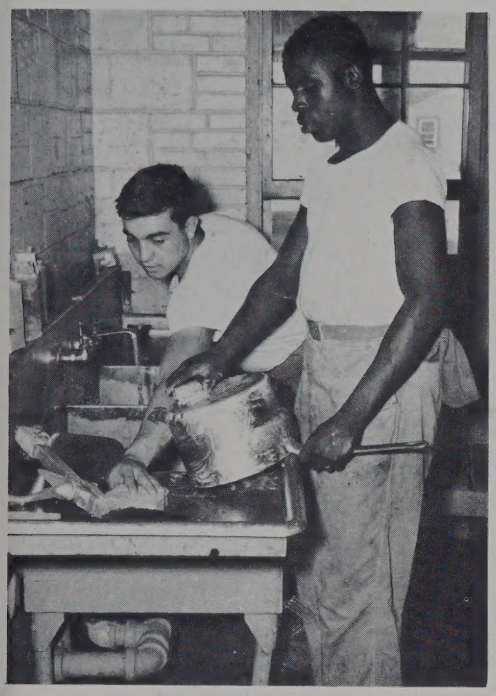


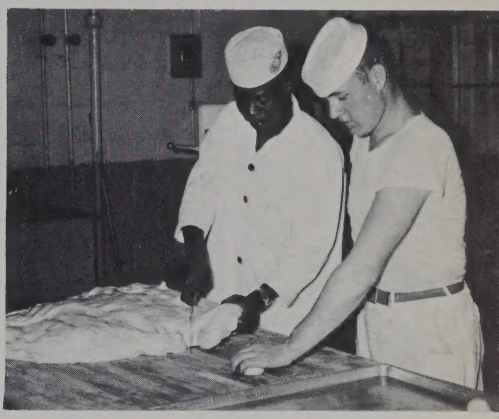


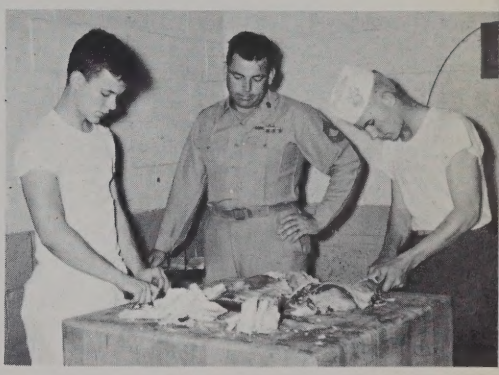
Three cooks squeege down the deck of the Onslow Beach messhall



Hot stuff



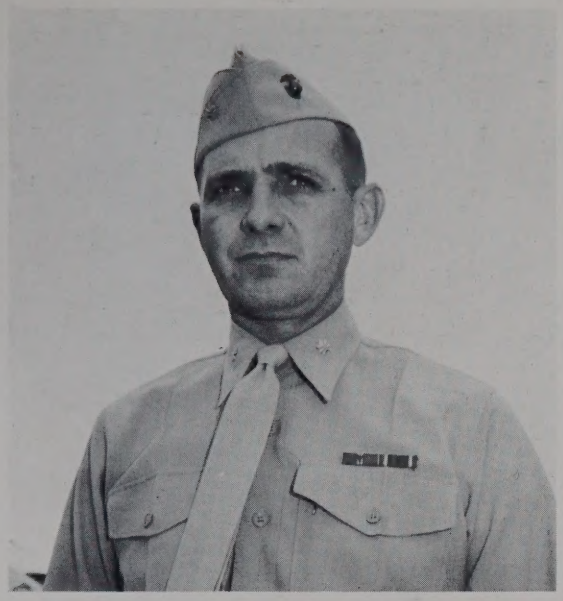




The Onslow Beach messhall feeds some 700 men daily. All men eat in family style surroundings and the messhall is noted for its excellent chow.

CATHOLIC MASS-----Camp Geiger Chapel

2D ANGLICO



Lt. Col. W.R. Helmer holder of the Bronze Star Medal w/Combat "V" assumed command of 2nd ANGLICO in Oct. 1952.

Lt. Comdr. D.R. Hild, USNR, acting executive officer, is a veteran of 14 years Naval service.

2nd ANGLICO....short for the 2nd Air Naval Gunfire Laison Co. - is a specially trained group of Naval and Marine Corps personnel whose mission is to provide air and Naval gunfire support to division sized units.

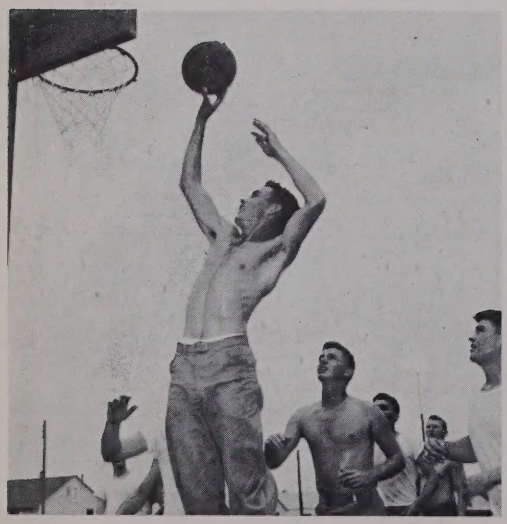
M/Sgt. Angel P. Villanueva operates an Ultra High frequency radio used to control air-ground support.

"TOP"....M/Sgt. Thomas A. Engholdt is the company's First Sergeant

FIRST RADIO COMPANY

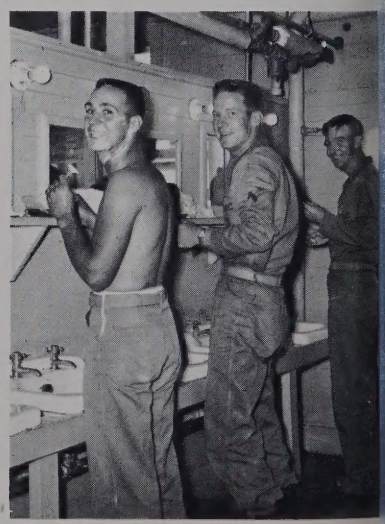
Morning Muster....Sgt. Pollmiller reports "all present and accounted for" to S/Sgt. S.J. Zerbato, Duty NCO

The First Radio Company moved from Camp Pendleton, Calif. to Camp Geiger in July, 1954 in order to better support FMFLant units. The company has participated in four large scale maneuvers in the past 12 months.



Company Basketball practice

"Rec" hut after a hard day in the field



The local "Turkish Bath"

8TH COMMUNICATION BN.

Lt. Col. Graham T. Douglas, Commanding Officer of the Battalion since May 1953, was transferred to the 3rd Marine Division in June. He holds the Bronze Star Medal w/Combat "V".

Major Joe B. Wrenn, Battalion Executive Officer since Nov. 1953. A former enlisted man, Maj. Wrenn is a veteran of 25 years service.

Lt. Edward A. Krueger,
Battalion Adjutant

Sergeant Major,
M/Sgt. R.T. Jones, Jr.

Operational Teletype Course - practice session

Message Center - class room instruction

Field Wire Course..a mixture of theory and practice

Two corporals repair an AM/PRC-10 portable radio in the Radio Repair Platoon Shop

Marine check and repair (left to right)

switchboard radio receiver and a teletypewriter

Wire Platoon, Communications Co. in a warehouse

Field exercise with a AN/GRC-9 radio

Comm. Co. radiomen gather round an "ANGRY NINE" radio

8th Communication Bn. marines string telephone wire along a Camp Lejune road.

The Construction Platoon helps maintain wire communications facilities within Camp Lejune and sets up special wire facilities for field exercises

Construction Platoon men in various stages of stringing wire

Comm. school students in the field operate a PE-210 portable electric generator

The Force Troops Communications School offers courses in Voice Radio, Field Wire and Message Center Operation. Under the administrative control of the 8th Communication Bn., the school was established in Dec. 1954.

Class in Voice Radio procedures

Planning a field exercise

Code practice class for Radio Platoon members

Radio platoon warehouse with stock men

Radio Platoon warehouse

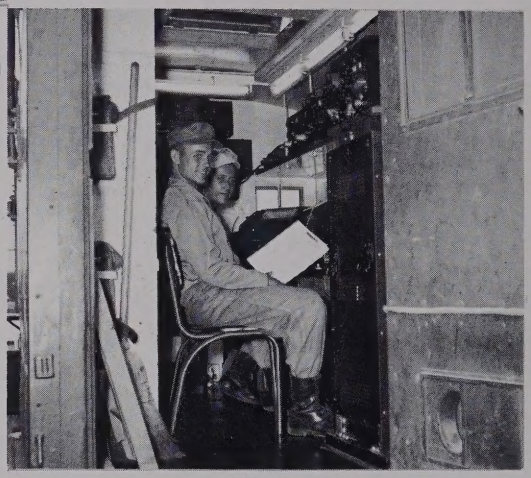
Radio Platoon repair shop

Radio Platoon marines
in front of two radio vans

Wire Platoon members work on field telephones.

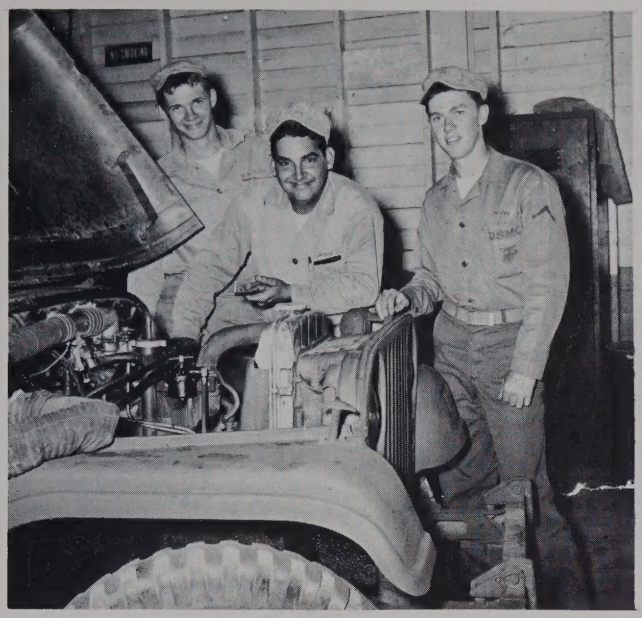
Message center class on the teletypewriter

Radio Platoon men in a AN/MRC-32 radio van



Motor transport personnel pose in the Bn's. motor pool around 1/4 ton, 4x4 jeeps

8th Comm. mechanics repair a jeep (left) and a "six-by" truck (right)



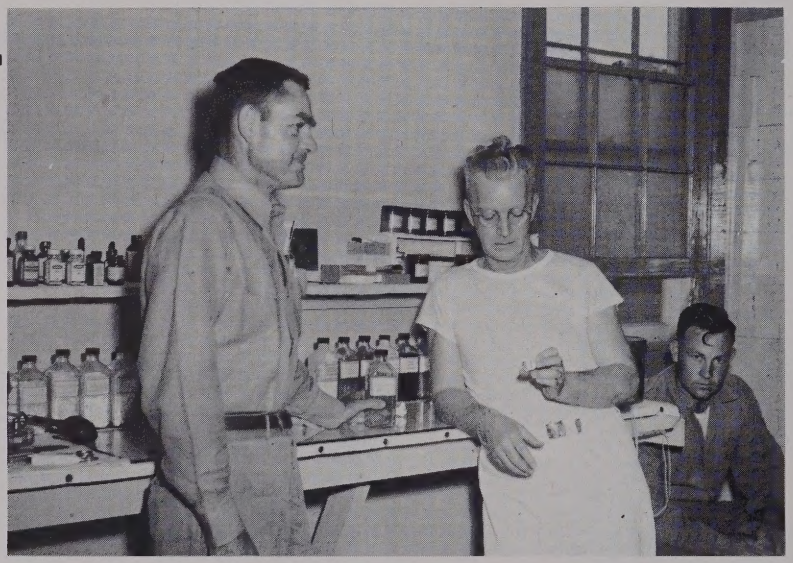
An open air class of the Bn's communication school

Dispatcher's "shack" at the motor pool.

Teletypewriter class at the communications school

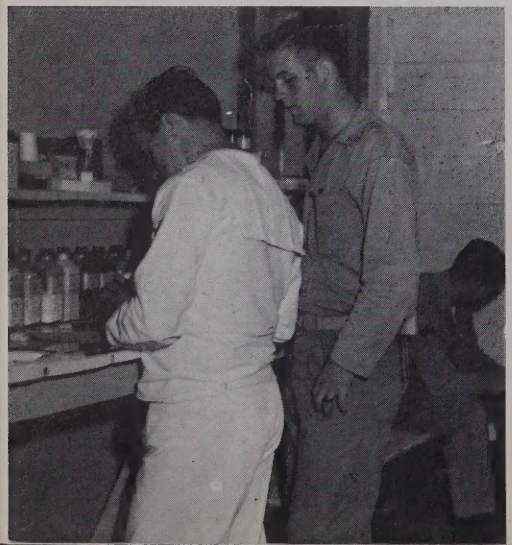
Force Troop's Message Center which is operated by the 8th Communications Bn.

Hq. Co., 8th Comm. office personnel



8th Comm. Navy corpsmen

administer to a variety of aches



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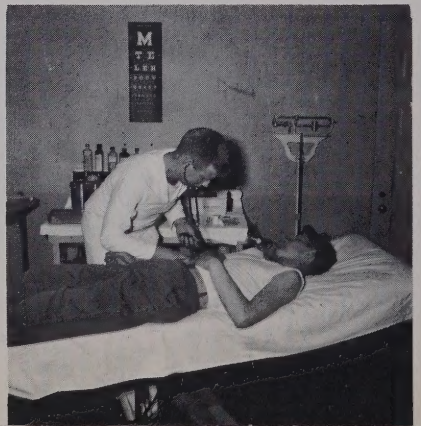


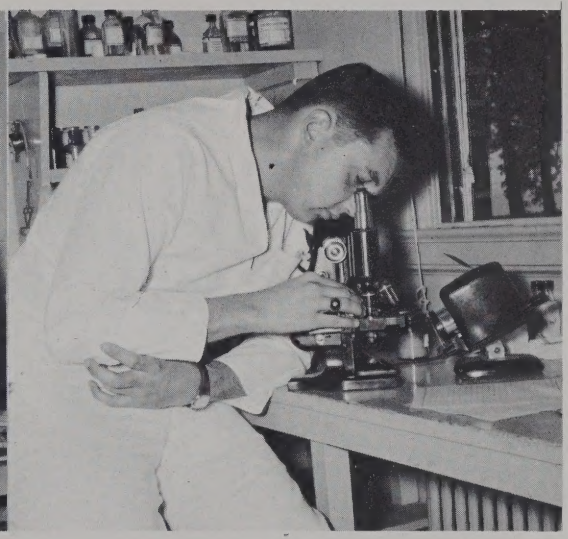
morning sick call

MEDICAL AND DENTAL

A staff of nearly 200 doctors, dentists and corpsmen take care of all Force Troops personnel. From the corpsmen assigned to each unit on up to the main depensary, each marine receives complete medical care. Besides taking care of the Marines, the 2nd Hospital and 4th Dental Companys engage in combat training to improve field casualty handling techniques.

Out "she" comes..Force Troops Dental Clinic

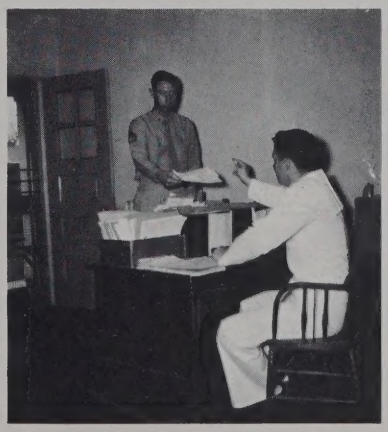
Courthouse Bay Pharmacy



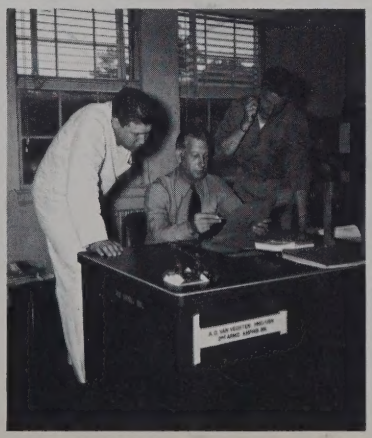
Courthouse Bay Lab

Dental Clinic

Sick Call Desk.....



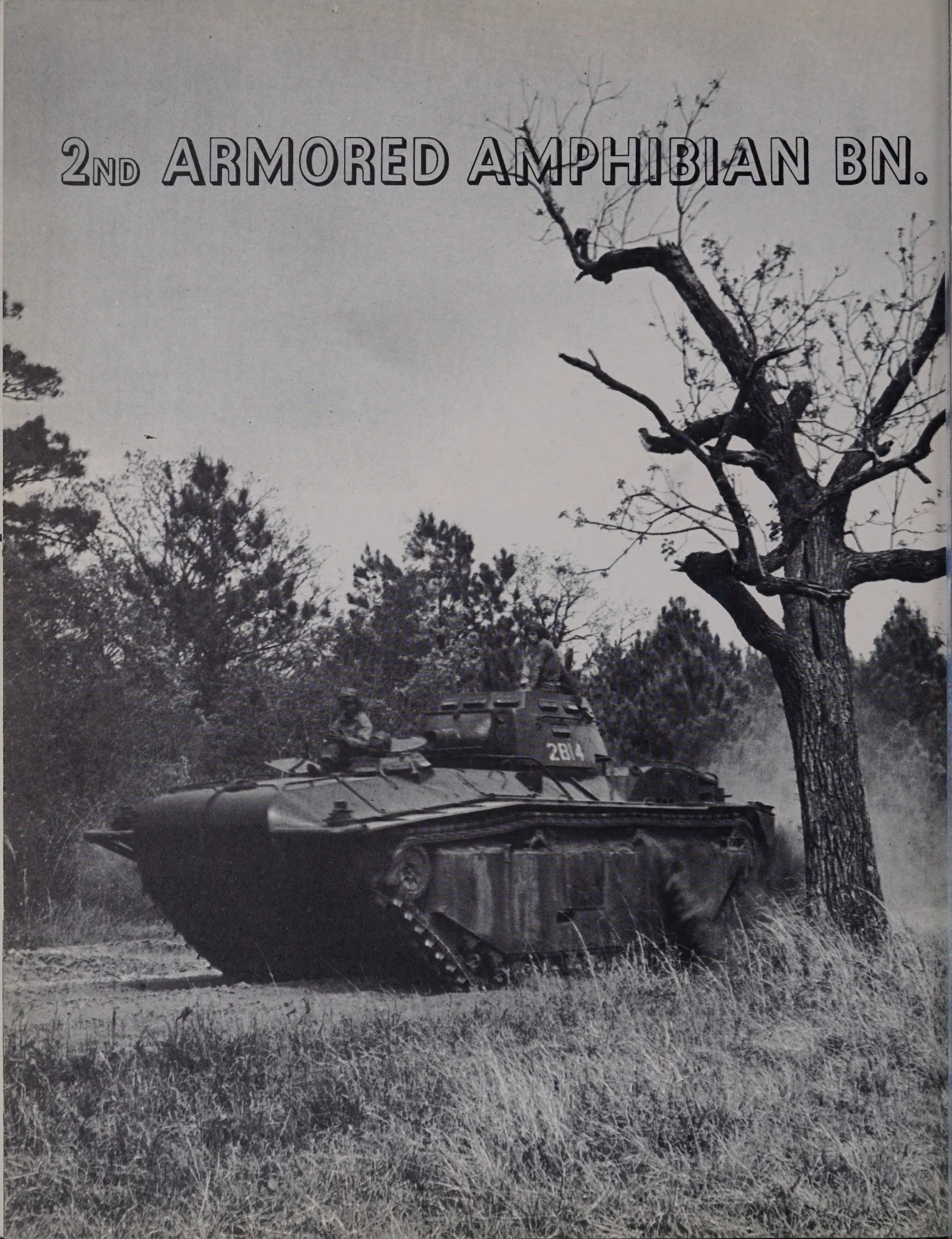
Admission Desk...

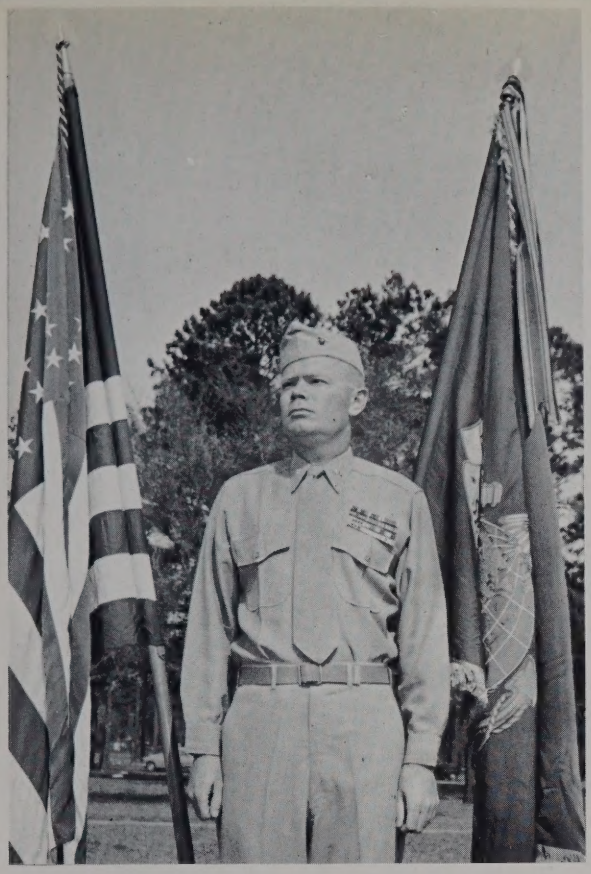


X-Ray Lab....

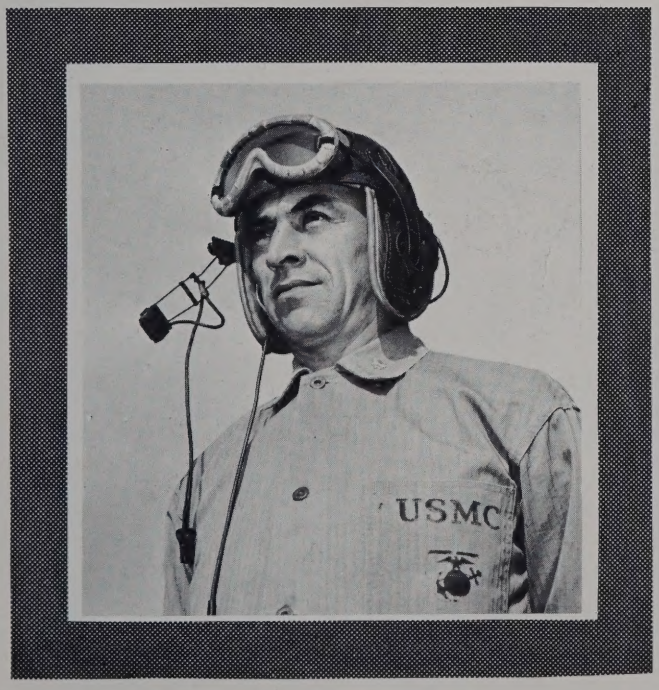
all at Courthouse Bay.

2ND ARMORED AMPHIBIAN BN.

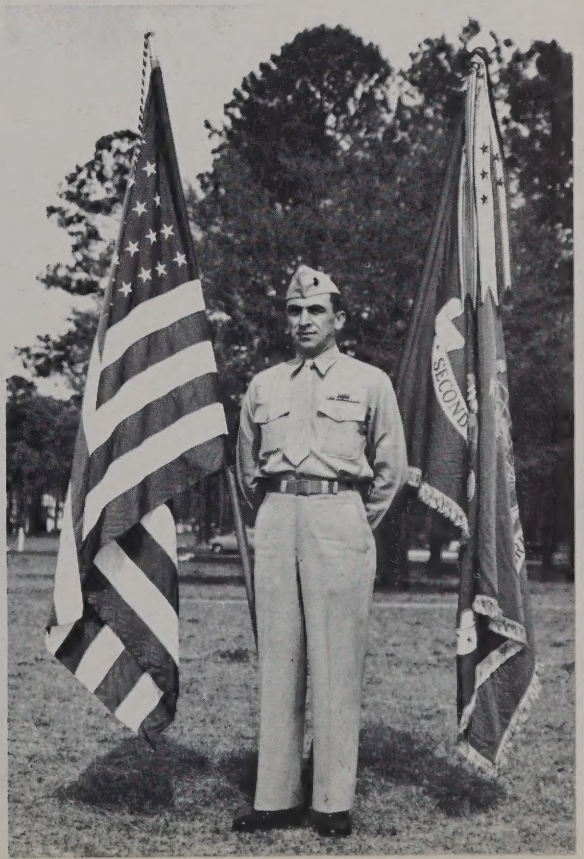


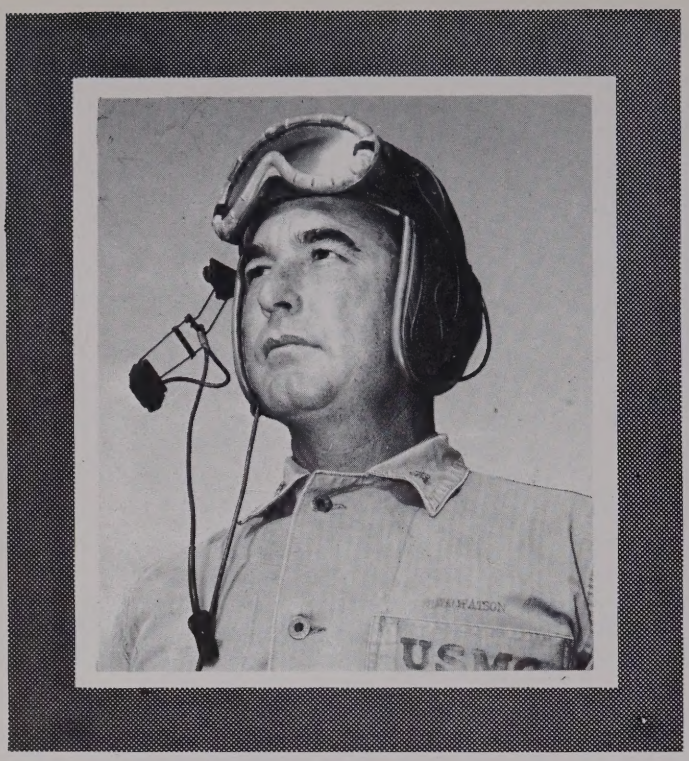


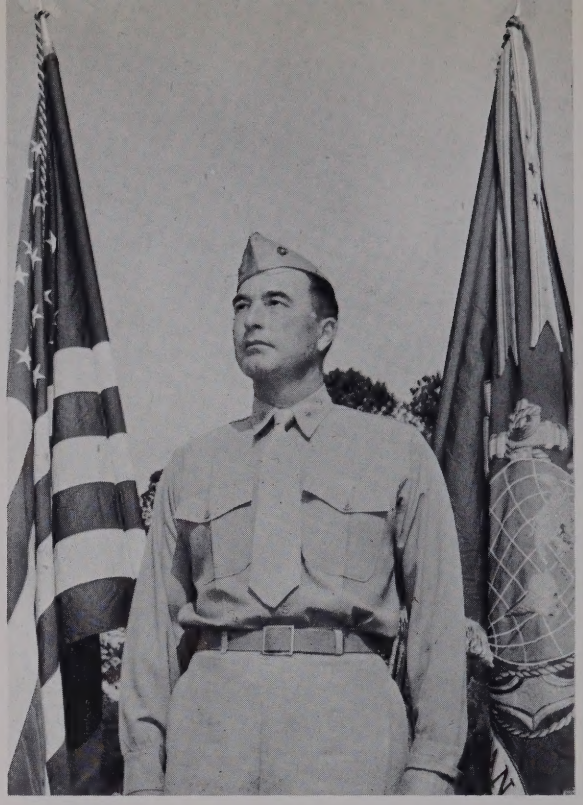
Lt. Col. Ralph J. Parker, Jr. has been battalion commanding officer since June, 1955. A veteran of World War II and Korea, Col. Parker holds two Bronze Star Medals w/Combat "V", two Letter of Commendation Medals w/Combat "V" and a Purple Heart Medal.



Maj. Charles F. DeKeyser assumed the duties of battalion Executive Officer last March. A former Marine Corps aviator, he is a veteran of 13 years service.

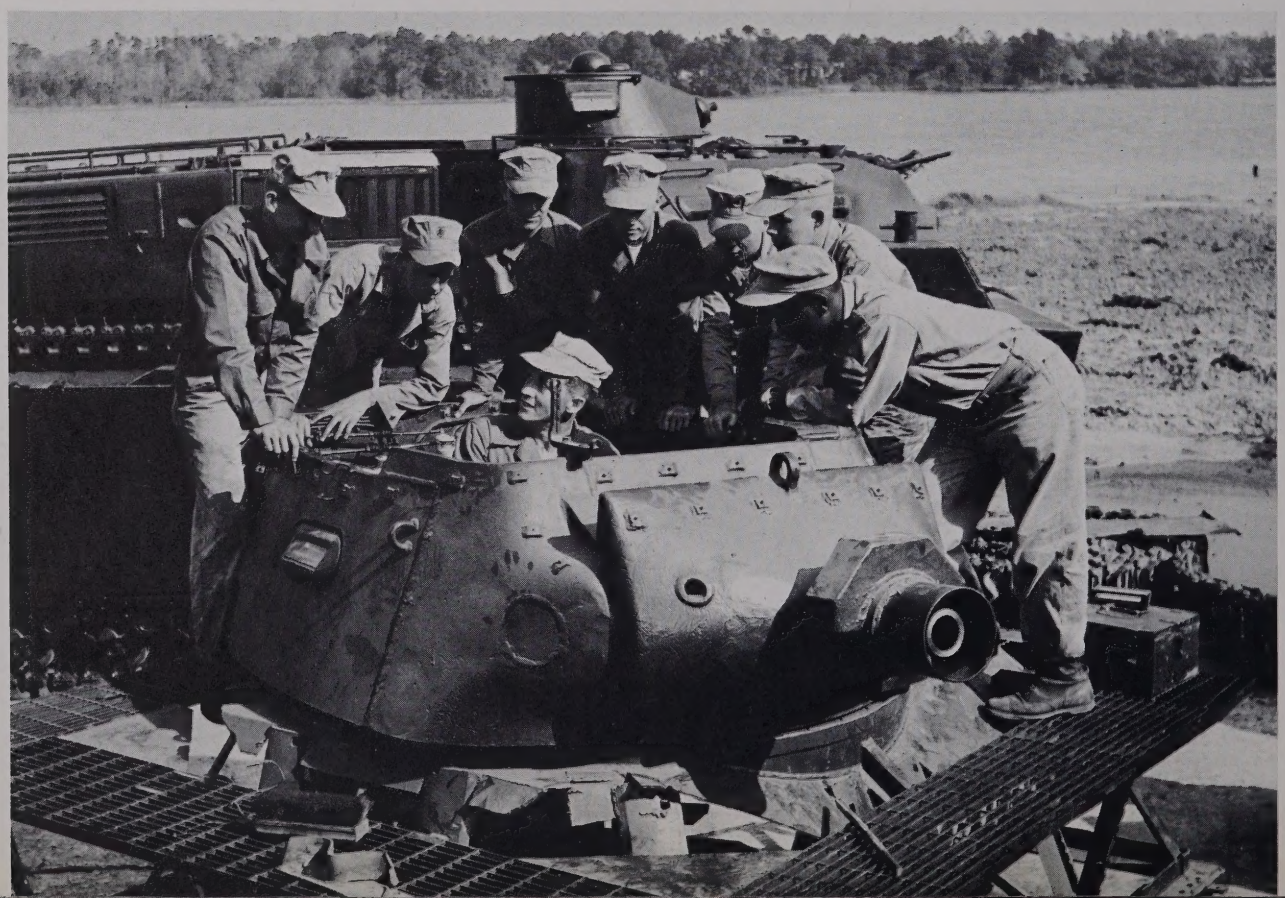






Lt. Col. T.P. Watson was released to inactive duty on June 23, 1955. He served as Battalion C.O. from 24 March 1954 to the date of his release.

GUN DRILL....A platoon sergeant explains the functions of the direct and indirect sights of the 75mm Howitzer.



A firing problem gives an application of classroom work.

Moving out--on the double--to
a firing position

Deadlined vehicles await repair outside
a company maintenance shop.

FIRING PROBLEM

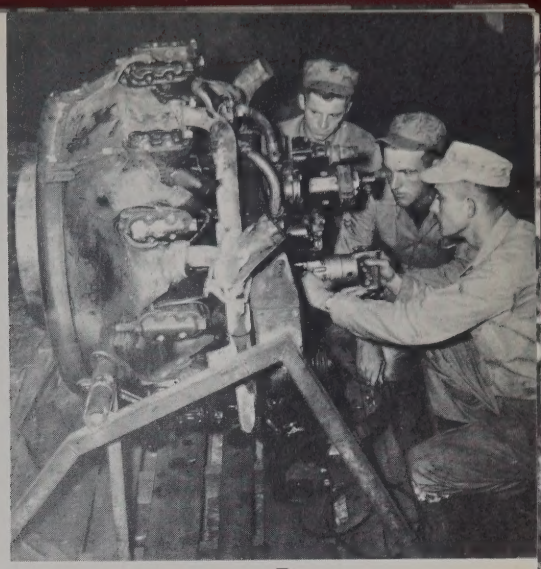
Regular firing exercises give both drivers and gunners practical applications of lessons learned in battalion classrooms

Stand by....

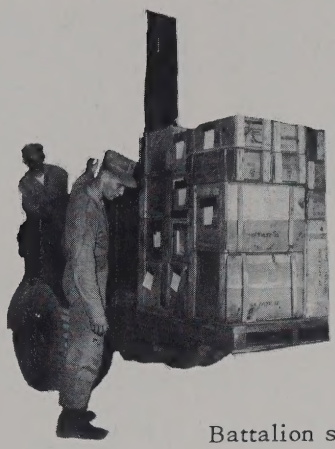
.....FIRE.....

and check the ammo.

Battalion maintenance

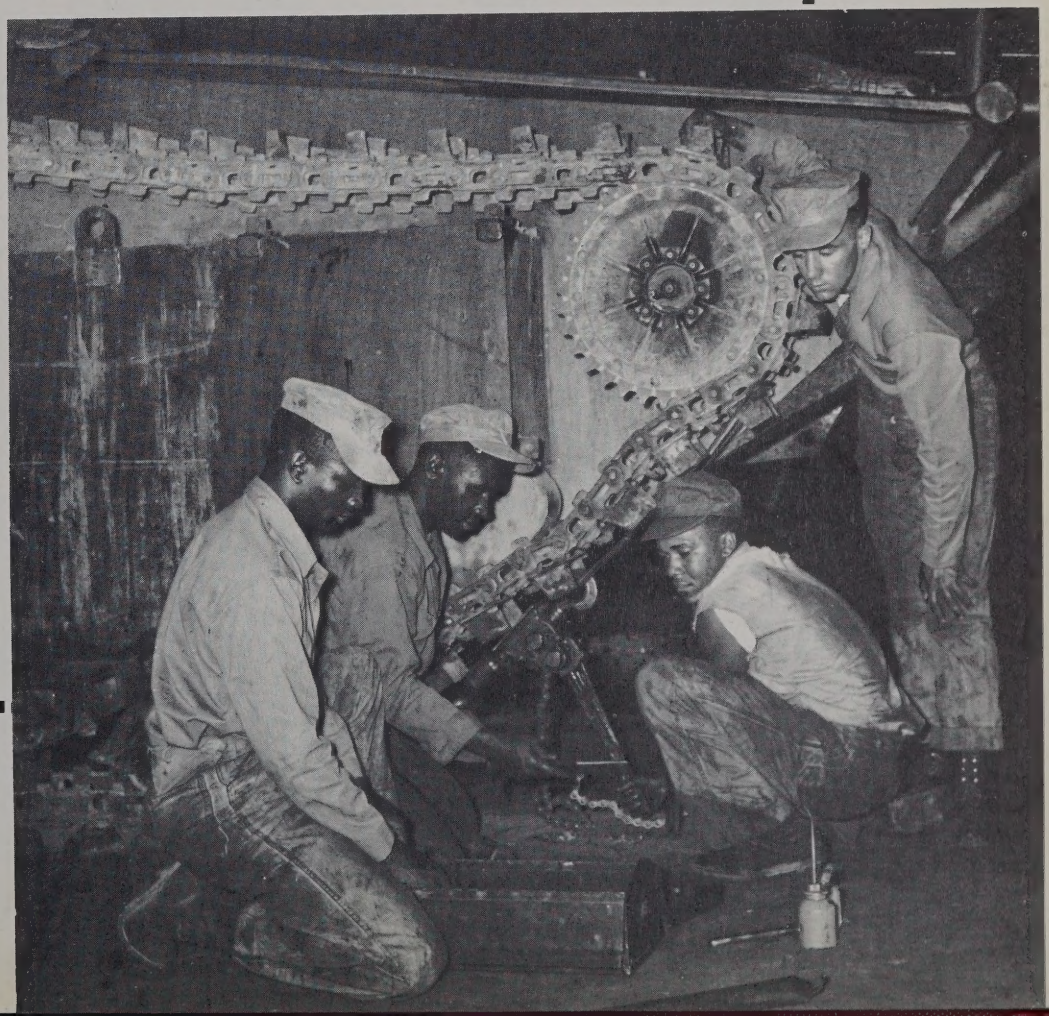


A maintenance shop lathe



Battalion supply

Breaking track prior to removing the final drive



An armored tank platoon moves down Onslow Beach prior to surf driving training

C. S. M. O. ---Cease Fire,
prepare to Move Out

The removal.....

..... and the repair of a section of track

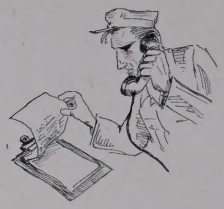
Shipping and Receiving Section.....
the box makers of the Group

Camp Geiger main Marine Corps Exchange

Empty platters and full plates attest to the good chow at Camp Lejeune messhalls

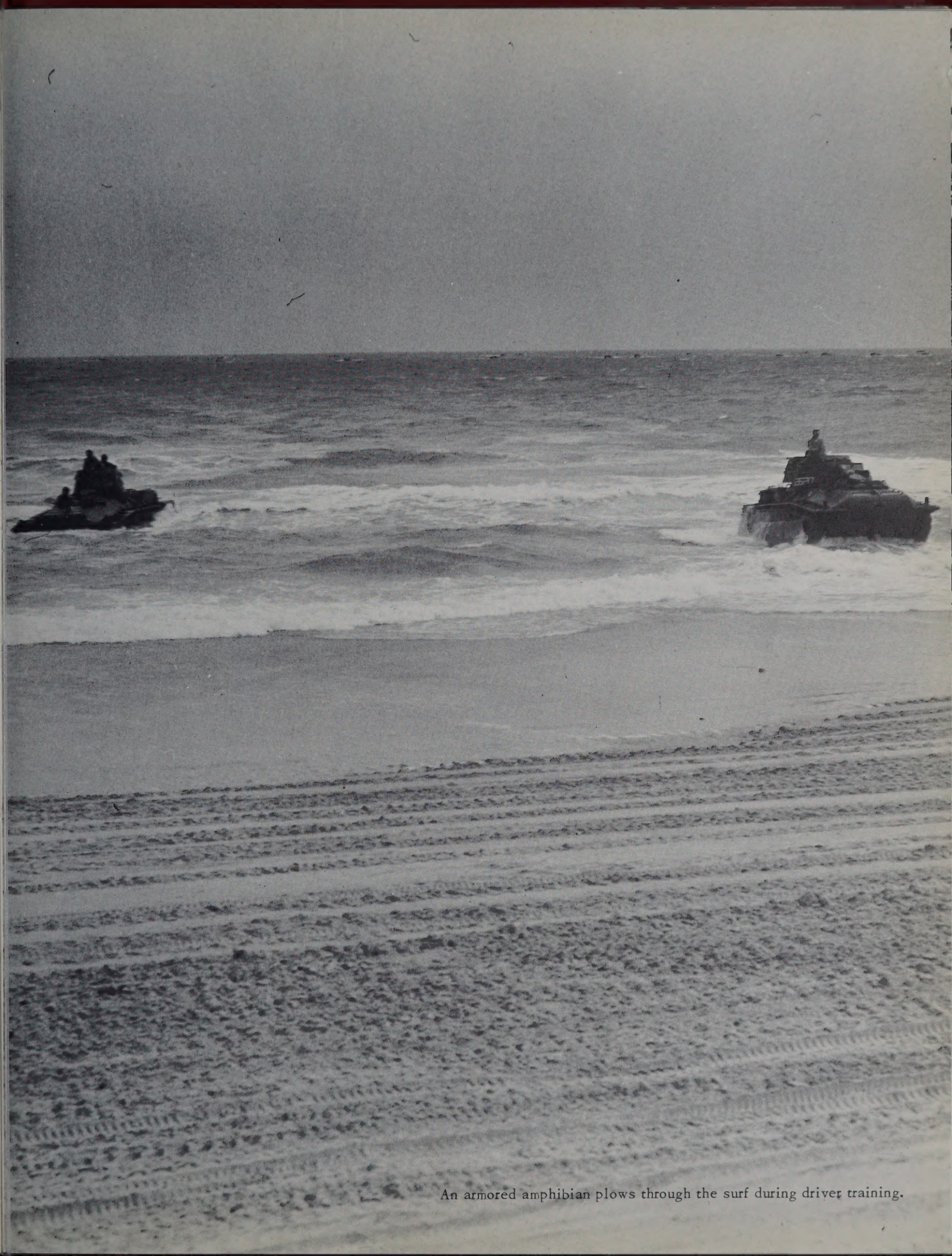
"Down the meat" and the main course is passed

Battalion office personnel



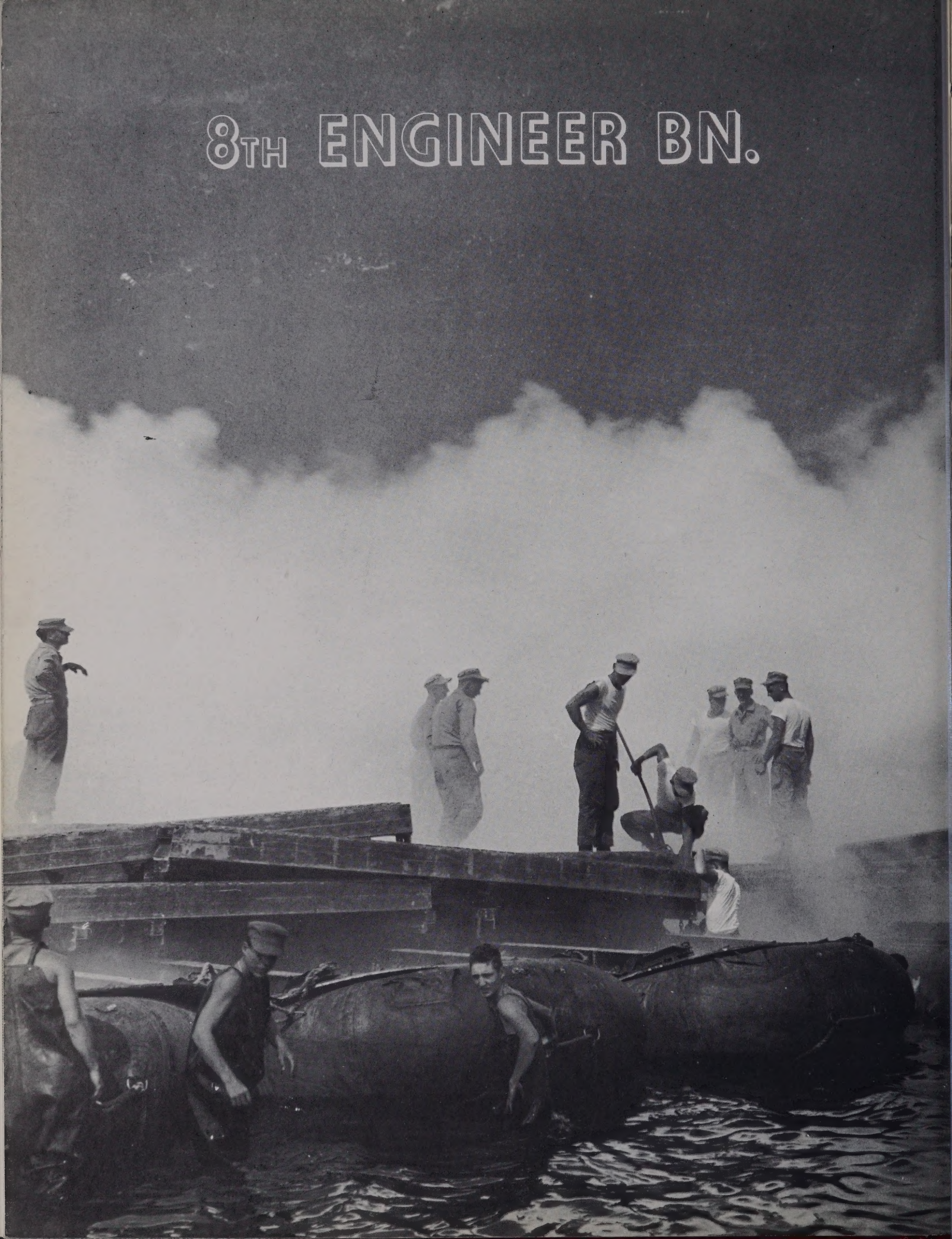
Communications section

Radio testing



An armored amphibian plows through the surf during driver training.

8TH ENGINEER BN.

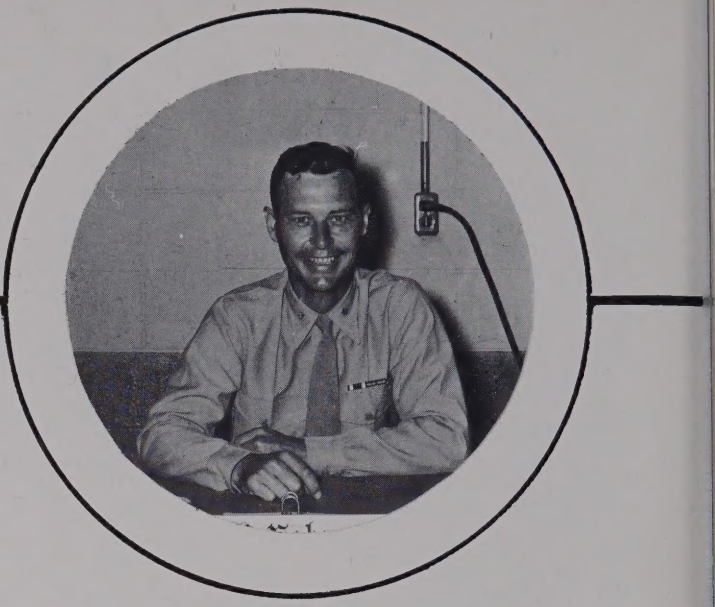


The completed section of bridge is towed from its assembly point to the bridge site.

S-3 Section of the battalion

Sgt. Majors' section

S-1 Section, Headquarters



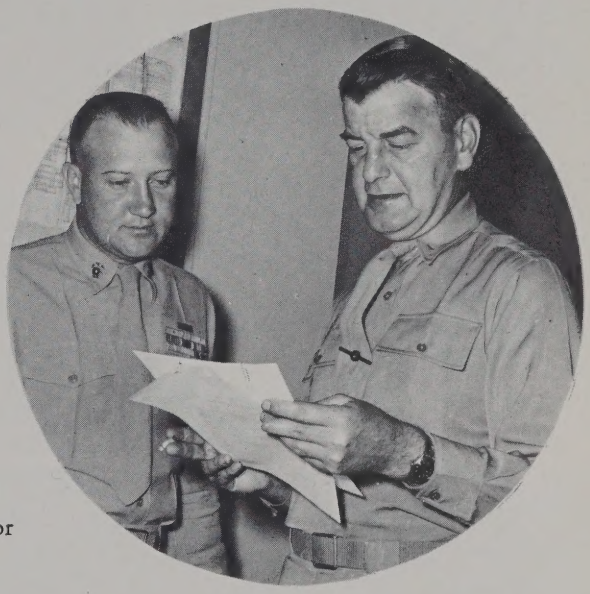
Lt. Col. D.V. Nahrgang, commanding officer of the 8th Engineer Bn.

The 8th Engineer Bn. consists of highly trained, professionally competent specialists, who perform the numerous and varied engineer functions required by the force while in garrison.

Battalion S-4 Section

S-3 section

Operations section



The adjutant and
the sergeant major

Battalion Headquarters....the
Staff Sections on the job

Personnel section

Dispatcher's "Shack" with company officers and Staff NCO's

HEAVY EQUIPMENT PLATOON

The platoon's heavy and special equipment is used to supplement the other companys.

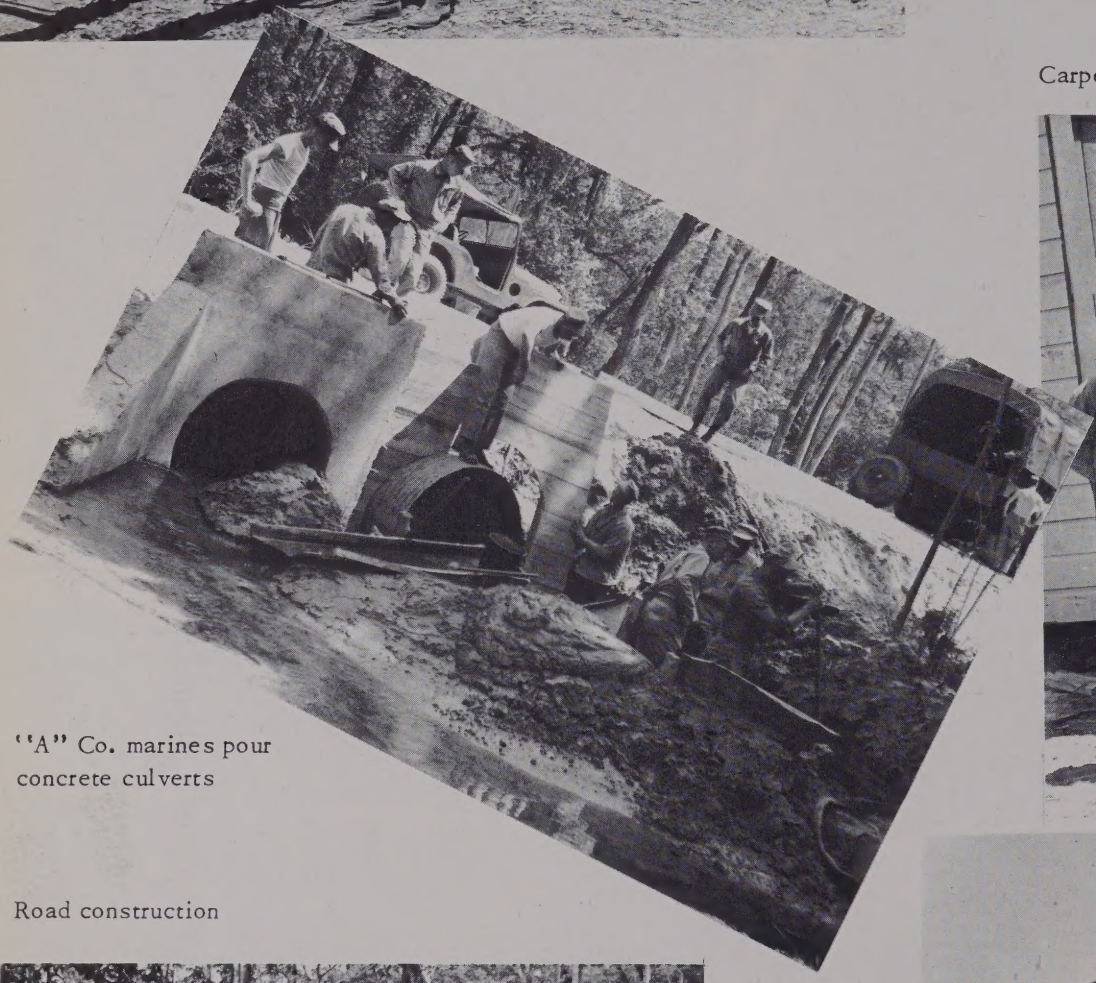
Four MRS-200 tractors in the motor pool

A 'low boy' trailer which is used to haul heavy equipment forms the base for a working party

Surveying section, a part of Headquarters Company

A portable sawmill in operation

Carpenter shop personnel



"A" Co. marines pour concrete culverts

Road construction

An MRS tractor hauls a "10 yard" earth moving pan

Another view of the portable sawmill

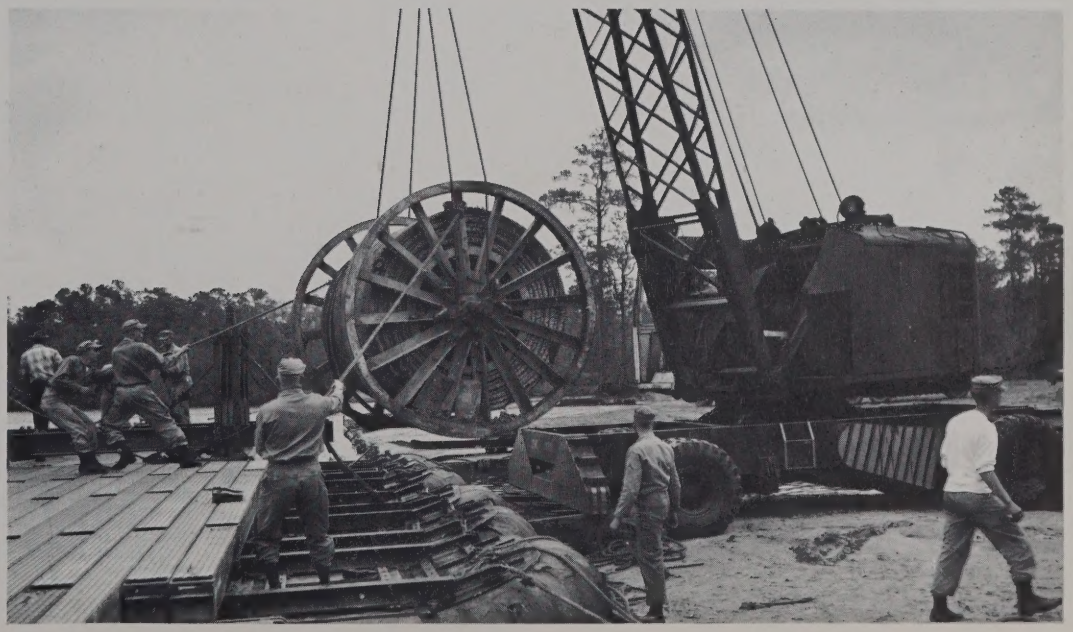
A TD-18a bulldozer is loaded aboard a low boy

Battalion heavy equipment pool

FIELD EXERCISE....Laying of telephone cable by 8th Engineer Bn. leathernecks

The telephone line's cradle is lifted aboard a section of floating bridge

The telephone cable itself is hoisted aboard



A 6x6 dump truck unloads fill dirt during a road building project at the Cherry Point Marine Air Station

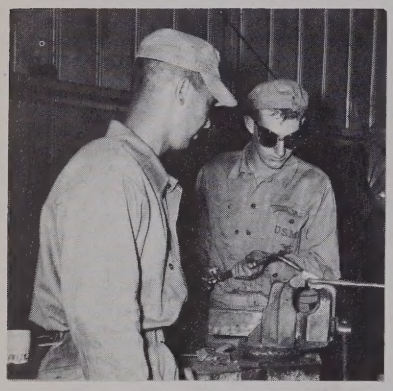
The 8th Engineer Bn. maintains a company at the Marine Corps Air Station, Cherry Point, N.C. There they supply the equipment and trained personnel for such tasks as roadbuilding and ditch digging on a large scale.

A 'dozer and a scraper....

A wrecker serves as a crane in the truck compound

ROAD CONSTRUCTION

....and a 'dozer alone work on Cherry Point roads

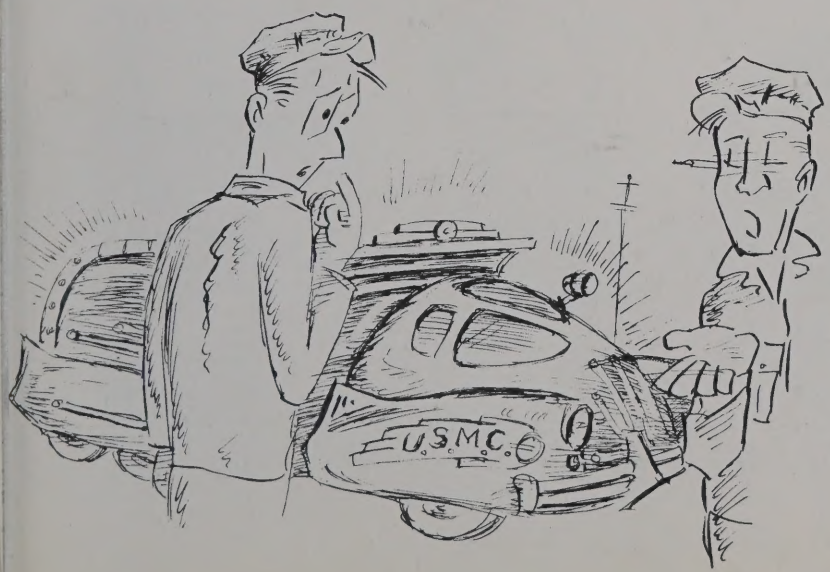


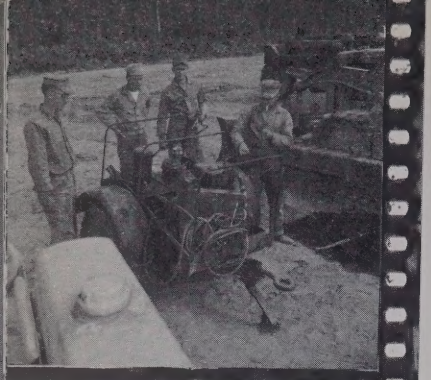
Dispatchers shack, motor transport

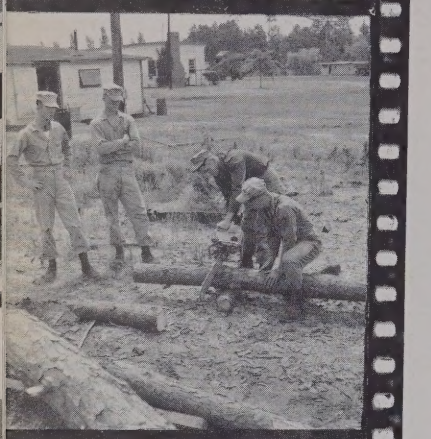
Wash rack.....

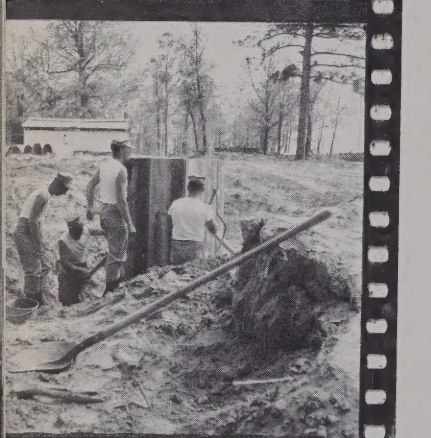
....maintenance personnel....

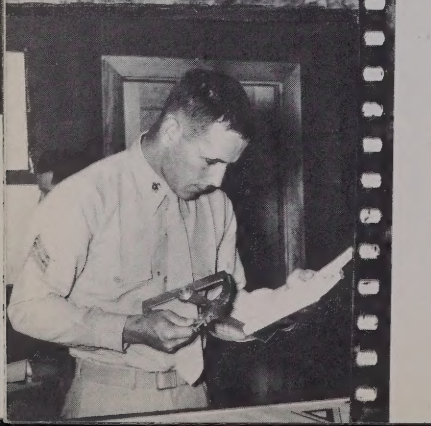
....and the tire repair section.

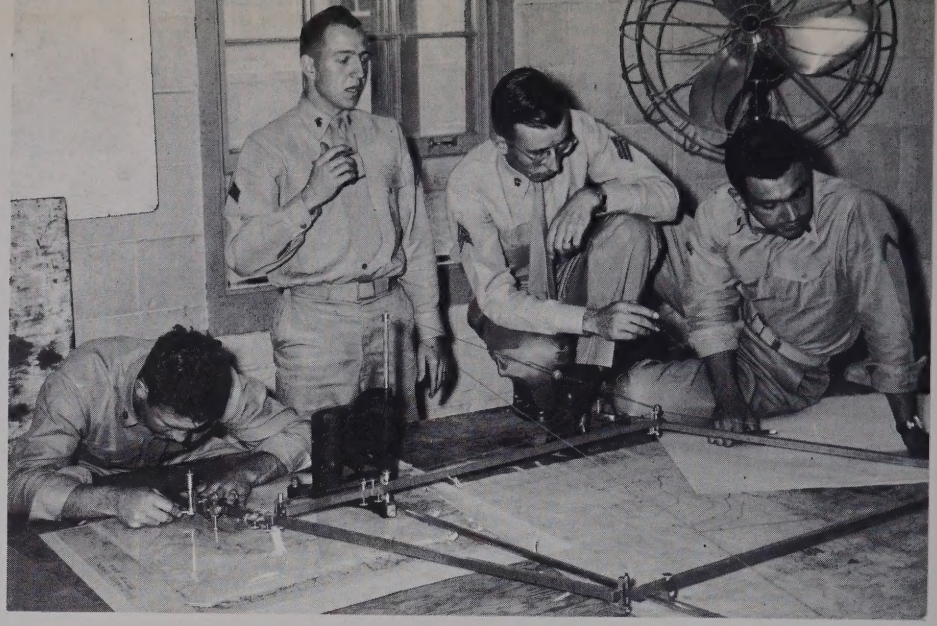












2nd Topographic Co. - enlarging a portion
of a map using a metal pantagraph

"A clean sweep down" - bulldozer style

Computing school, 2nd Topo Co.

RESTRICTED AREA

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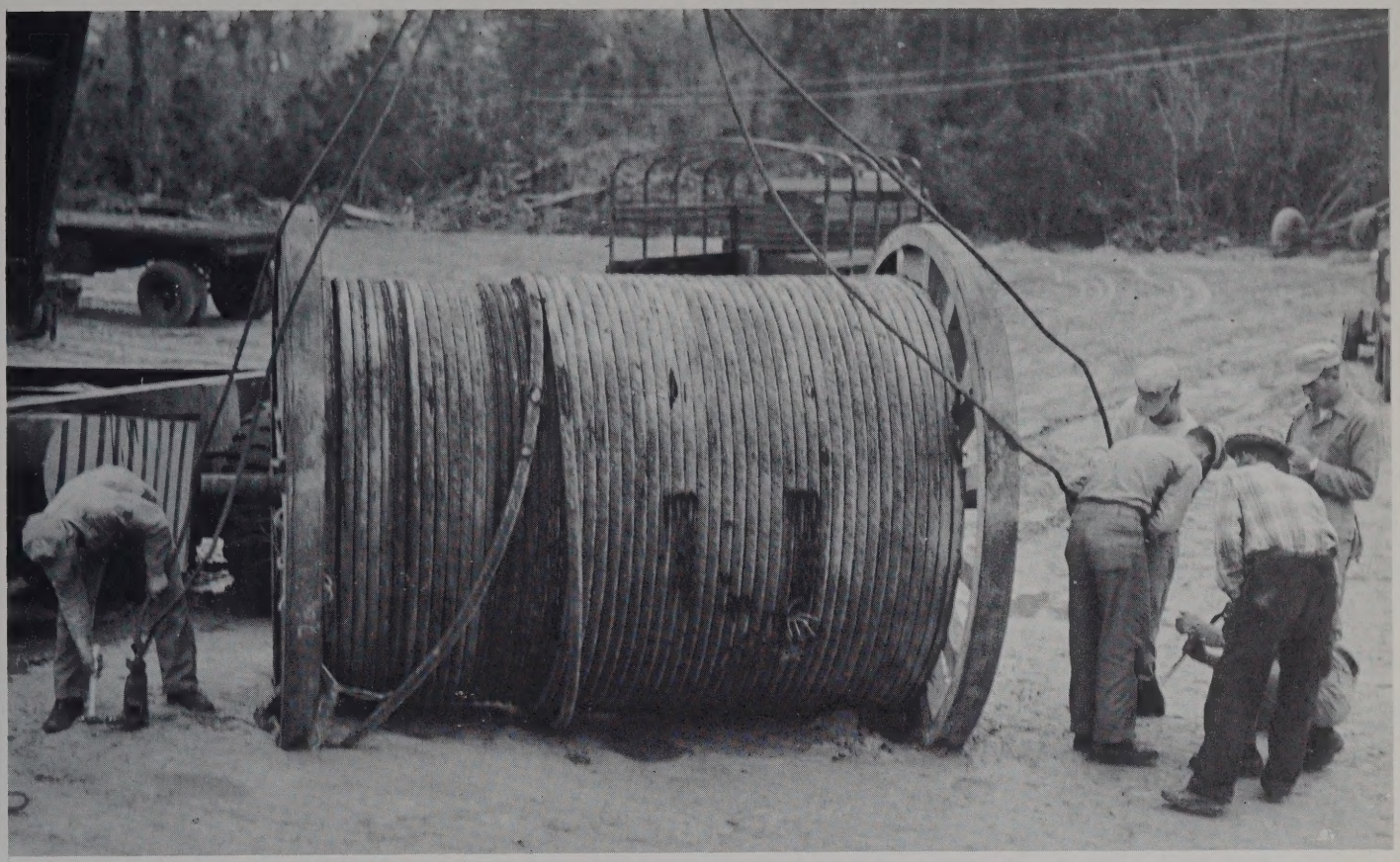
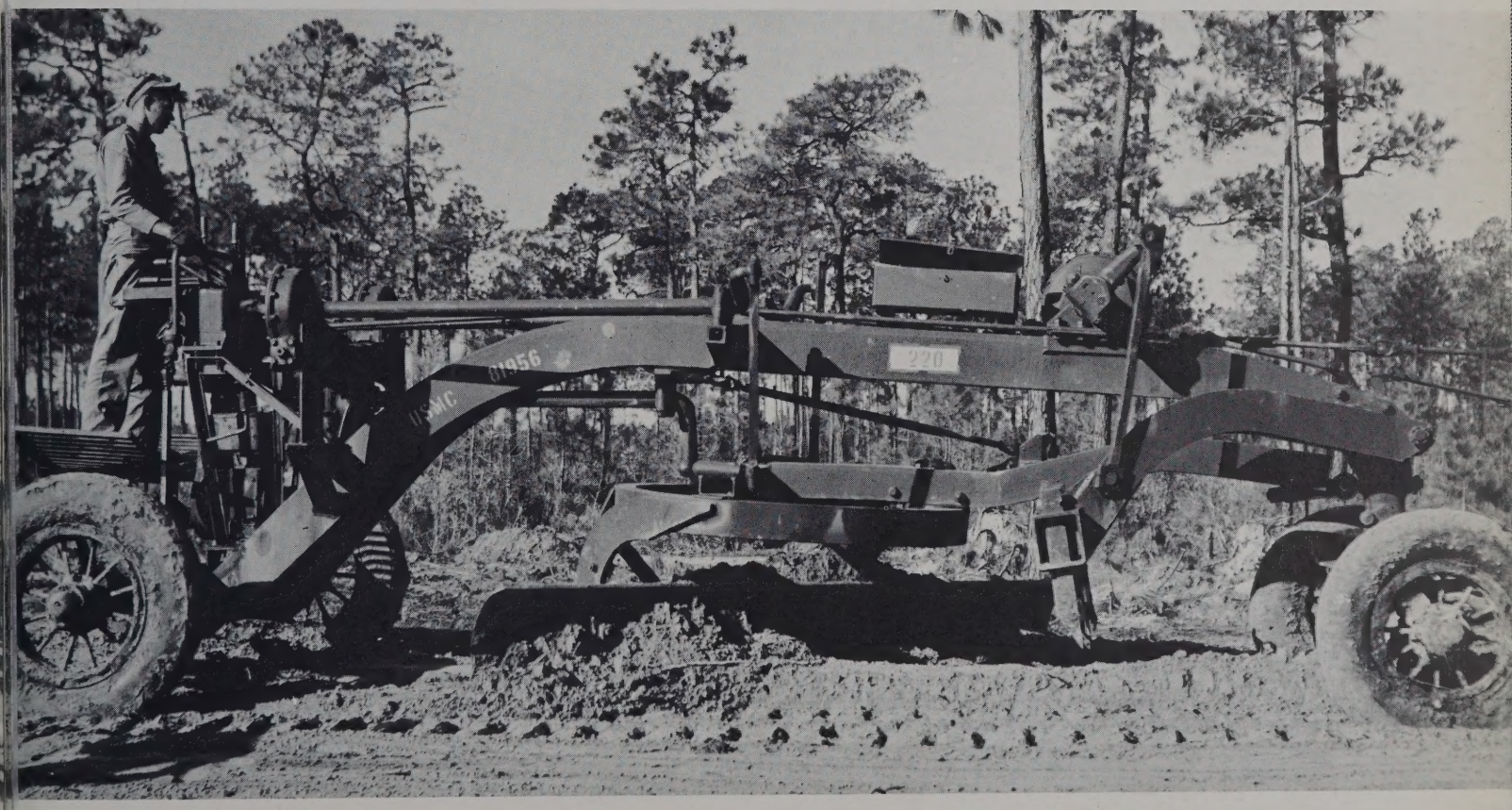
Loading deck balks..bridge platoon

Smoke generators are loaded aboard a footbridge section for a field exercise

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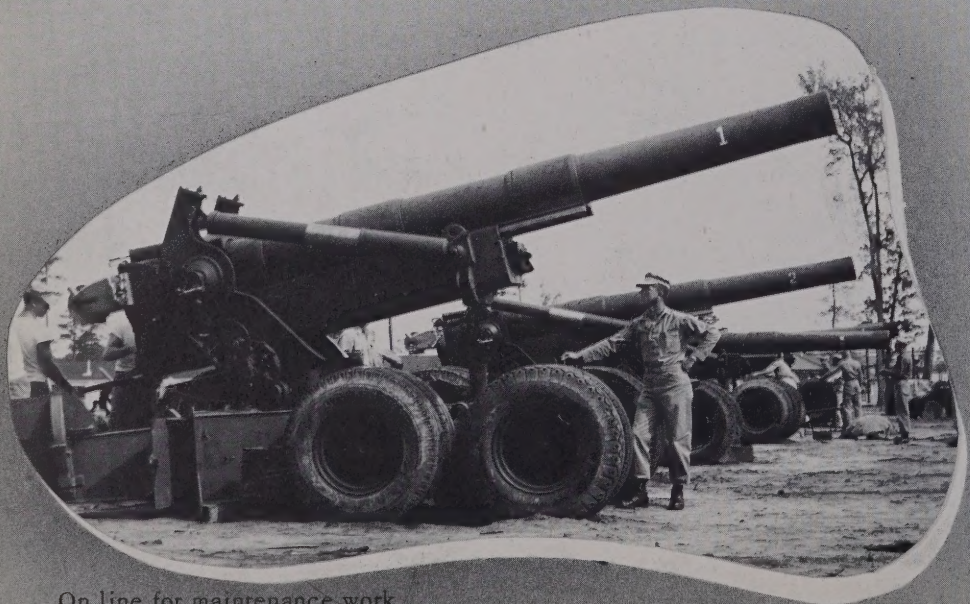
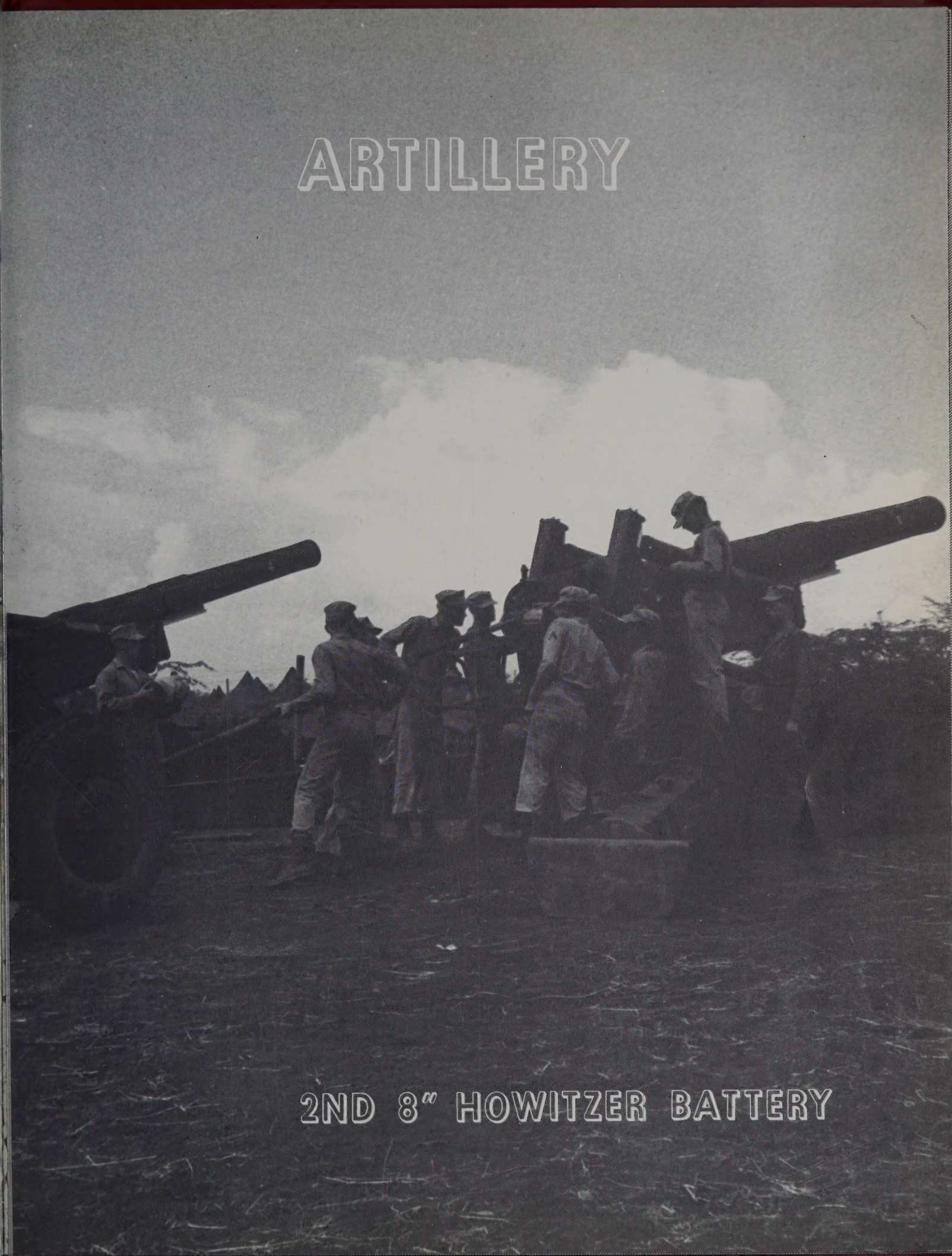
Bore clear--a powderman checks the bore for burning powder after a round has been fired



On line for maintenance work

ARTILLERY



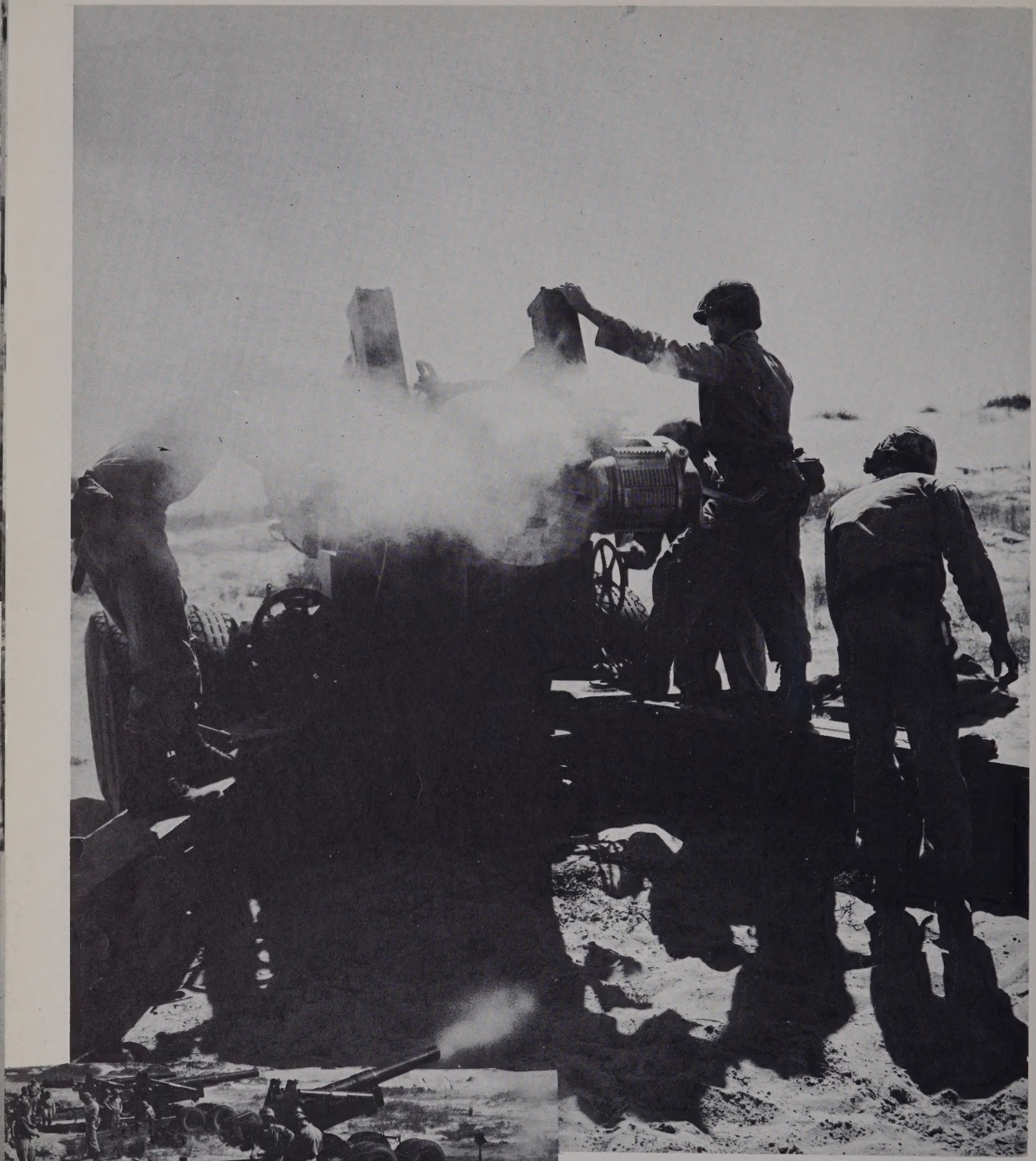
2ND 8" HOWITZER BATTERY

8" Howitzer Battery..... The big guns of the Marine Corps

A section chief (rt) checks for the cant of an 8" Howitzer after arriving at a dry firing position

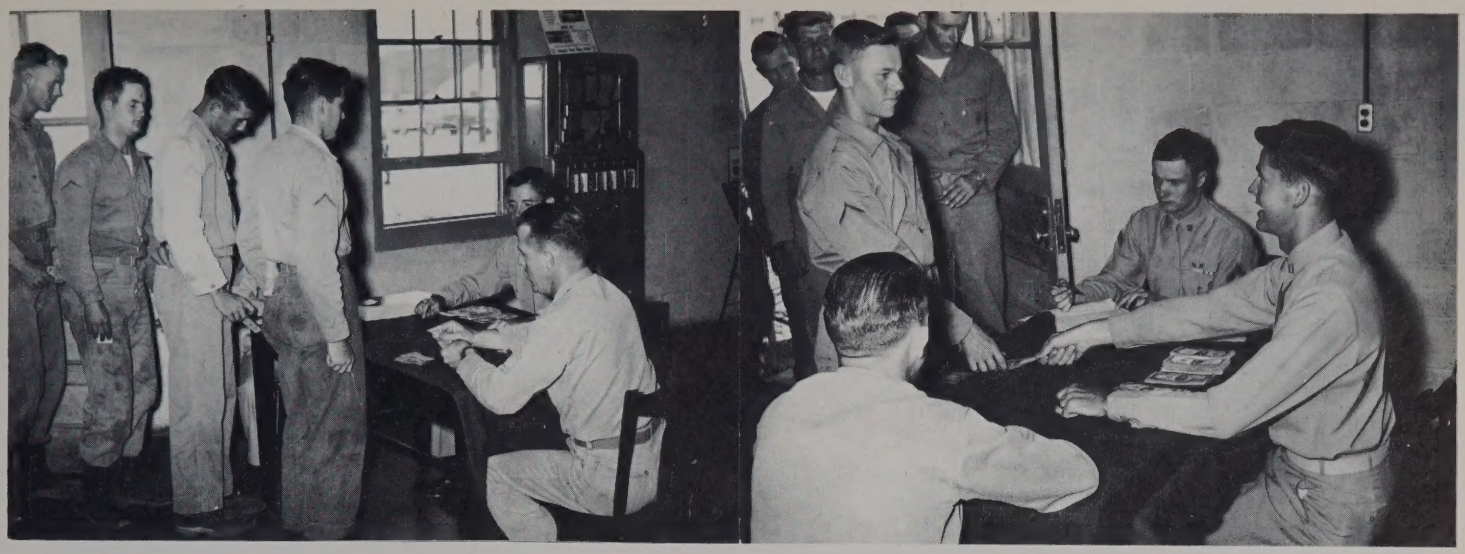
Battery commander, Capt. D.I. Carter with personnel Sgt. Major, T/Sgt. J. McKisic

IN AND OUT with a bore brush



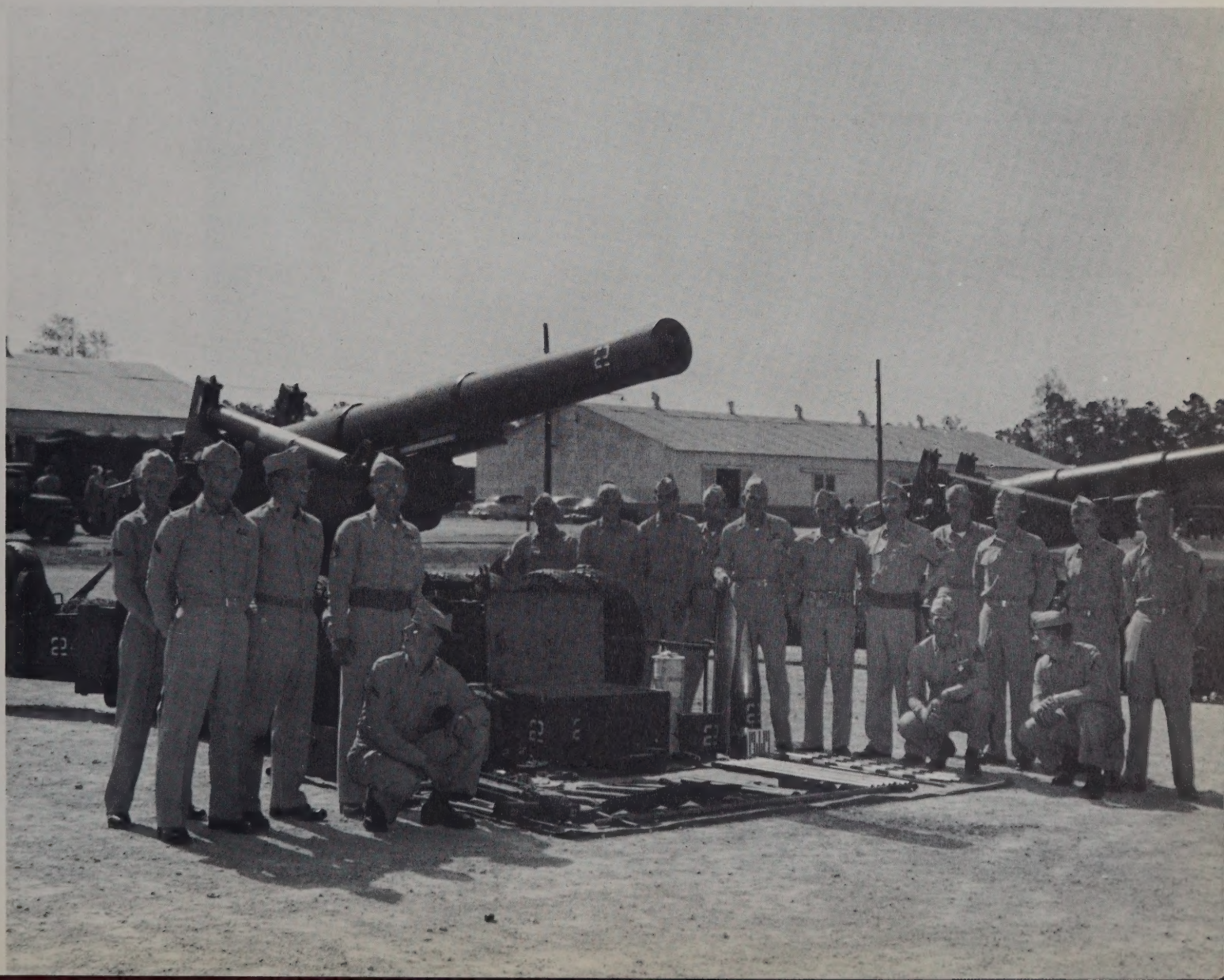
Open breech--expended gases
waft from the breech after firing

Calibration shoot on Onslow Beach



Pay Line....Capt. D.I. Carter pays the battery with the assistance of a "checker" (left) and a payroll clerk

Laid out for inspection.....Howitzers and equipment are arranged at the battery gun park



'Rec' room

squadbay

Battery office

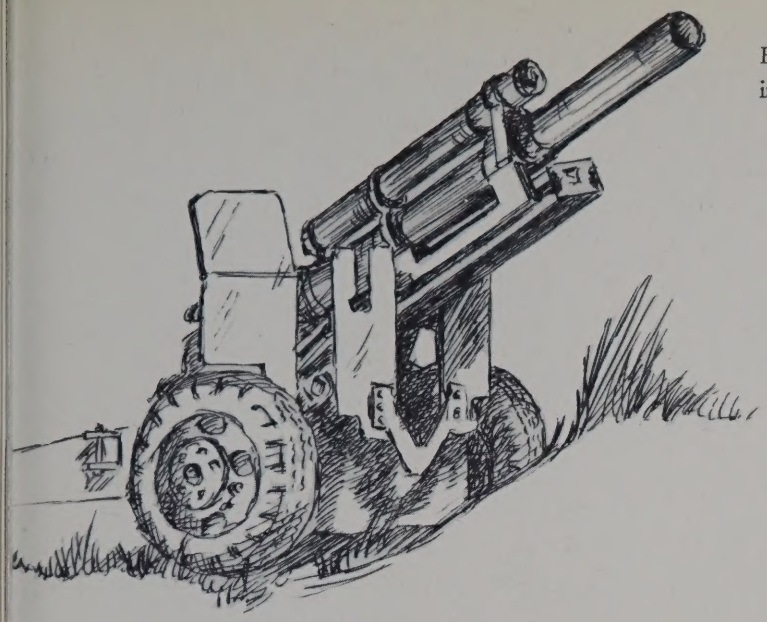
Staff NCO quarters

Supply Section--2nd Lt. T.G. Hall with two cannoneers

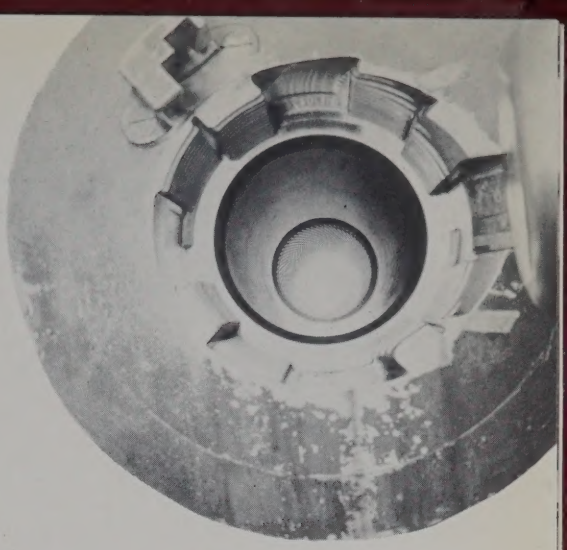
The 2nd 8" Howitzer Battery can lay a barage of more than a hundred shells per hour. It is the most accurate artillery weapon in the Corps.

armory

Time out for a picture



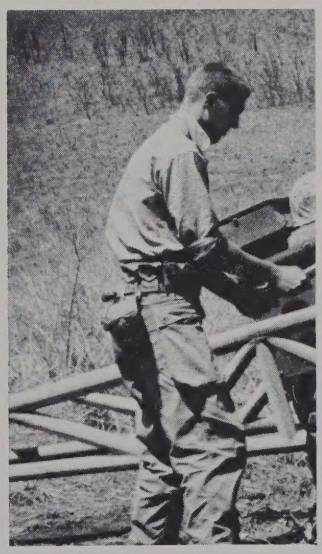
Bore clear....all eight inches of it



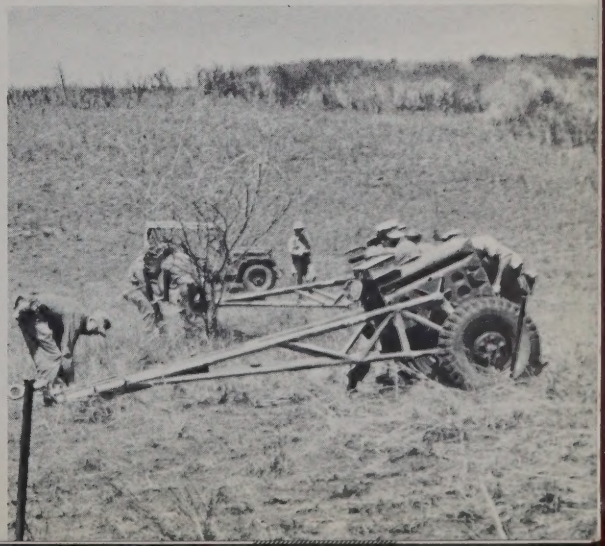
Ft. Bragg....Under camouflage nettings a gun crew runs through a firing exercise on a Ft. Bragg artillery range.

2ND 4.5 ROCKET BATTERY

On call....waiting for a firing mission are members of the 2nd 4.5'' Rocket Battery.

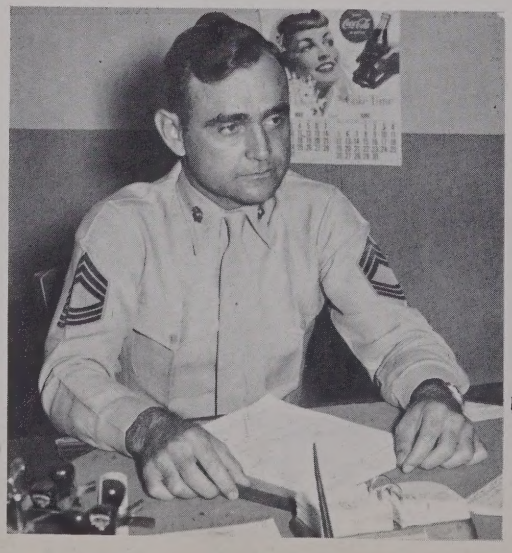


Day firing of rockets kicks up dust on Vieques



Six launchers line up at a Fort Bragg Army base artillery range for a battery front.

Enlisted men gather in their squadbay after returning from TRAEX 3-55.

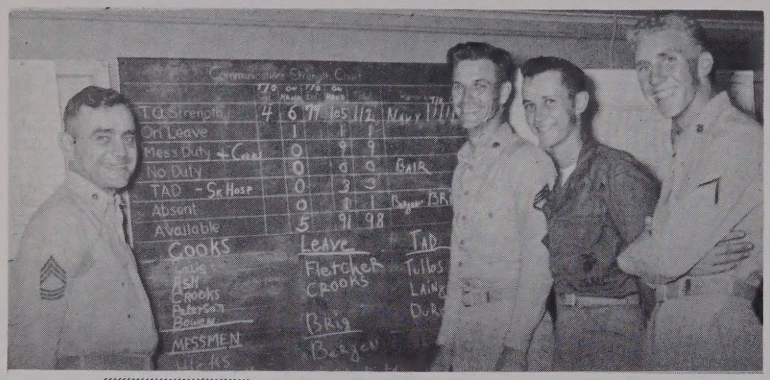


Battery First Sgt.
M/Sgt. Martin

Battery personnel return to Camp Geiger after a battery "shoot" at Fort Bragg, N.C.

This year the 2nd 4.5" Rocket Battery underwent thorough and extensive training at Ft. Bragg, N.C. and Vieques Island, Puerto Rico.

Office personnel pose before unit strength board



Three marines move a 3/4 ton trailer in the battery's motor pool.

RETURN TO GEIGER

Seabags and packs are unloaded from trucks following a field exercise

A convoy of five ton trucks, led by a Force Troops jeep prepares to move out from the motor pool on Vieques Island.

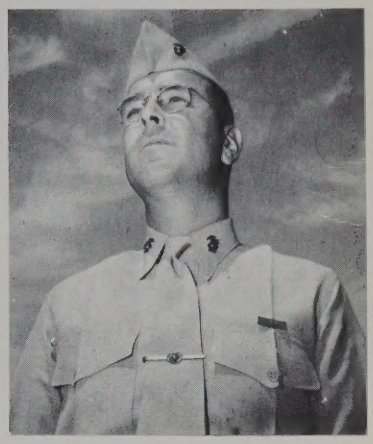
8TH MOTOR TRANSPORT BN.

Battalion Adjutant- 1st Lt. G.F. Bruton, a veteran of 12 years Marine Corps service

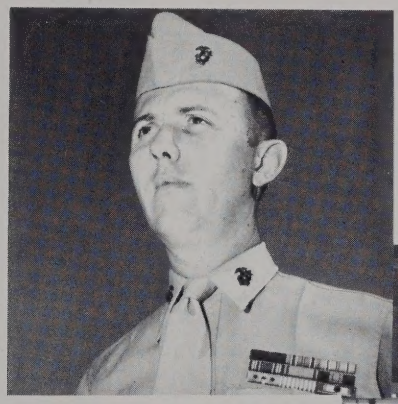
1st Lt. John Marcus- H&S Co. Commanding Officer

The special services officer, Lt. John Marcus checks a used fishing reel.

S-4 Office, Capt. Jesse Harris (center) with office personnel



M/Sgt. R.E. Duncan who has been Bn. Sgt. Major since December, 1954.



H&S Co.'s First Sergeant checks a Pfc out on special liberty

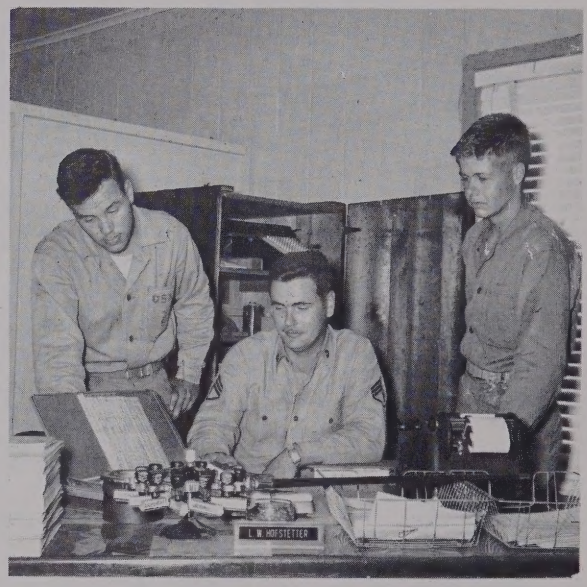
Lt. R.H. Lutz, Battalion Legal Officer, listens to a dictaphone record of a court martial

Personnel Sgt. Major and office staff

S-3 Officer, 1st Lt. Anthony Carchietta (rt) with Asst. S-3 Officer and clerk

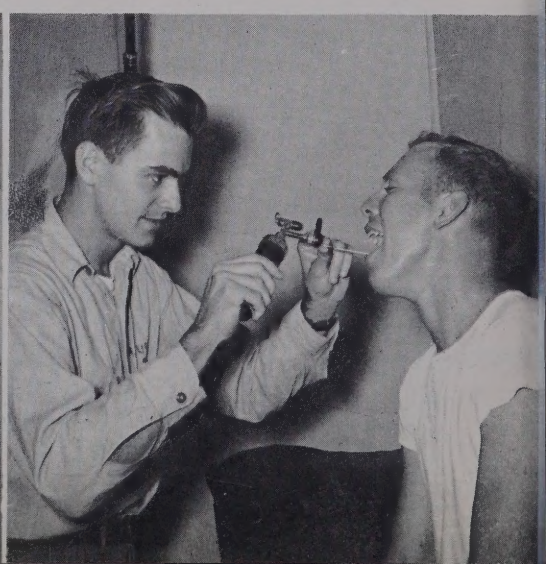
File clerks at work in the Battalion office

The Bn. mail room at mail call

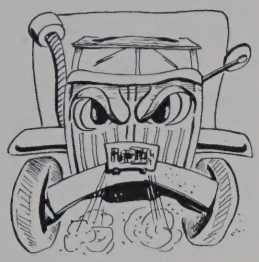


Supply section office workers check supply index cards

SICK CALL...Navy Chief A. Ruberg (left pic) and HM2 Lunga at morning sick call



Able Co. C.O. and office clerks



M-54 cargo trucks start on a morning run

ere, "A" Co. trucks are given a technical
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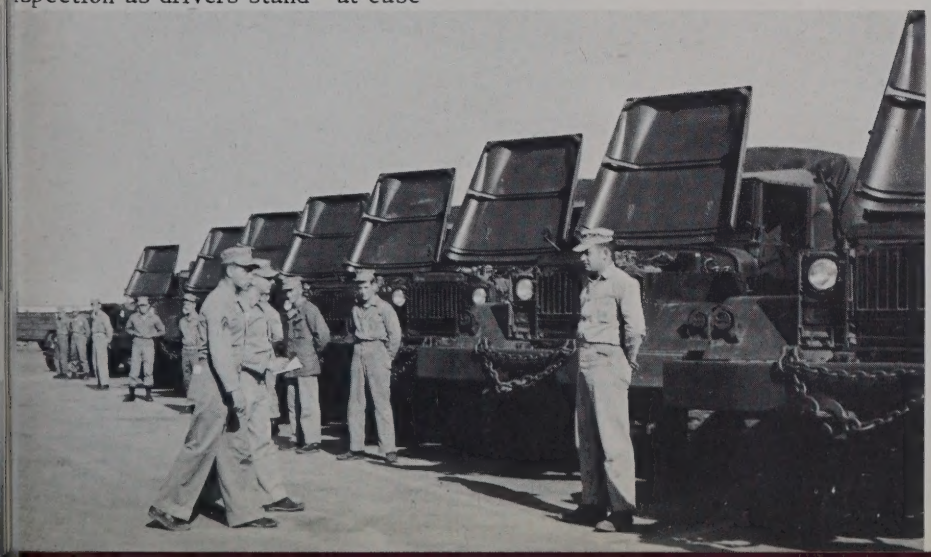


A "thousand mile" check on a "six-by"

"B" Co. commander and staff

Automotive tools of "B" Co. mechanics are inspected regularly.

"Baker" Co. drivers gather near maintenance equipment that has been layed out for an inspection

Drivers in a spare moment at the Motor Pool.

'B' Co. Marines make use of a 'Duck' to lift a truck engine for repair during TRAEX 3-55.

Three Marines work on a tank on Vieques.

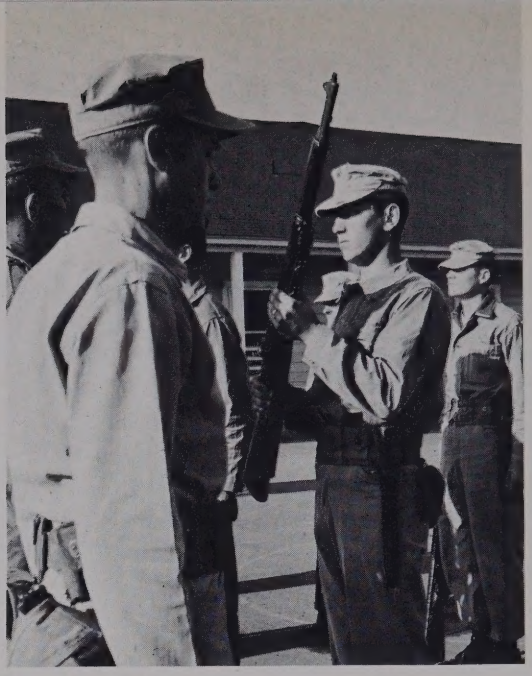
Prepared for inspection

"C" Co. marines observe a technical demonstration at the Motor Pool

Morning "troop and stomp"

"Charlie" Co. office personnel gather round the C.O.'s desk

Trucks set for a convoy run



A platoon sergeant inspects an M-1

"C" Co. personnel execute a "left oblique" during a morning drill period.

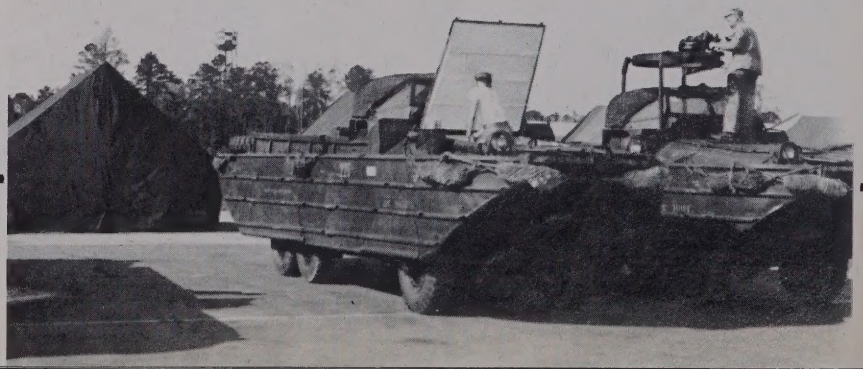
"Dog" Co. Officers

"D" Co. men after washing up for chow

Letters from home are read in the squadbay.

A 2nd Platoon "duck" sets out from the company motor pool

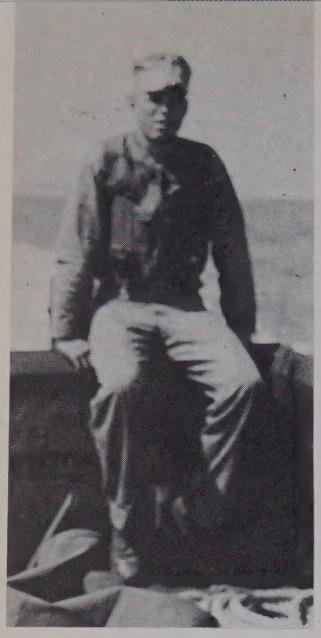
DUKWS



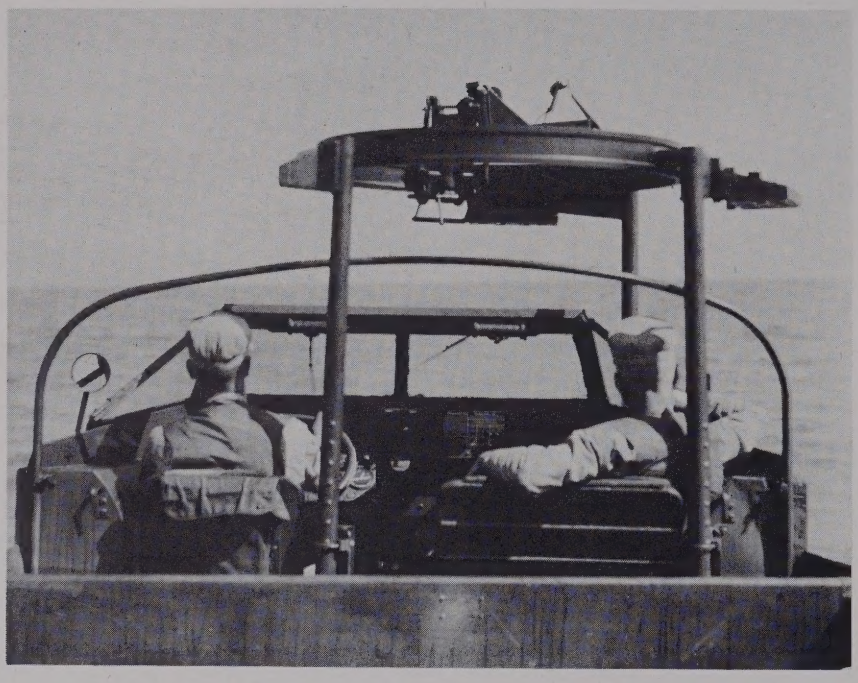
Two marines give a preventative maintenance check to their vehicles.

"Sweep up and swab down" at the company's paint shop

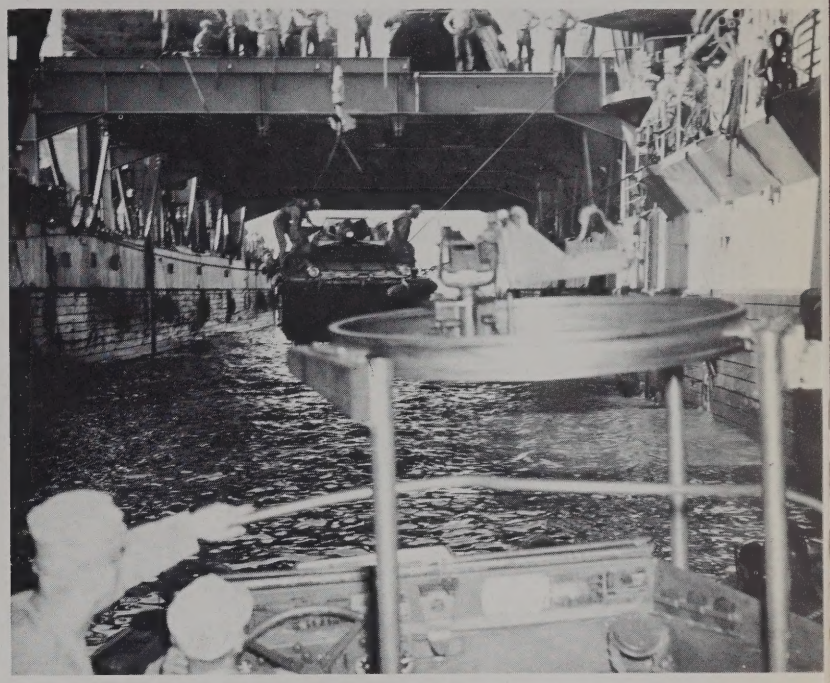
A platoon sets out for a training exercise on and off Onslow Beach



At sea off Onslow Beach-- "ducks" move toward an LST for practice landings



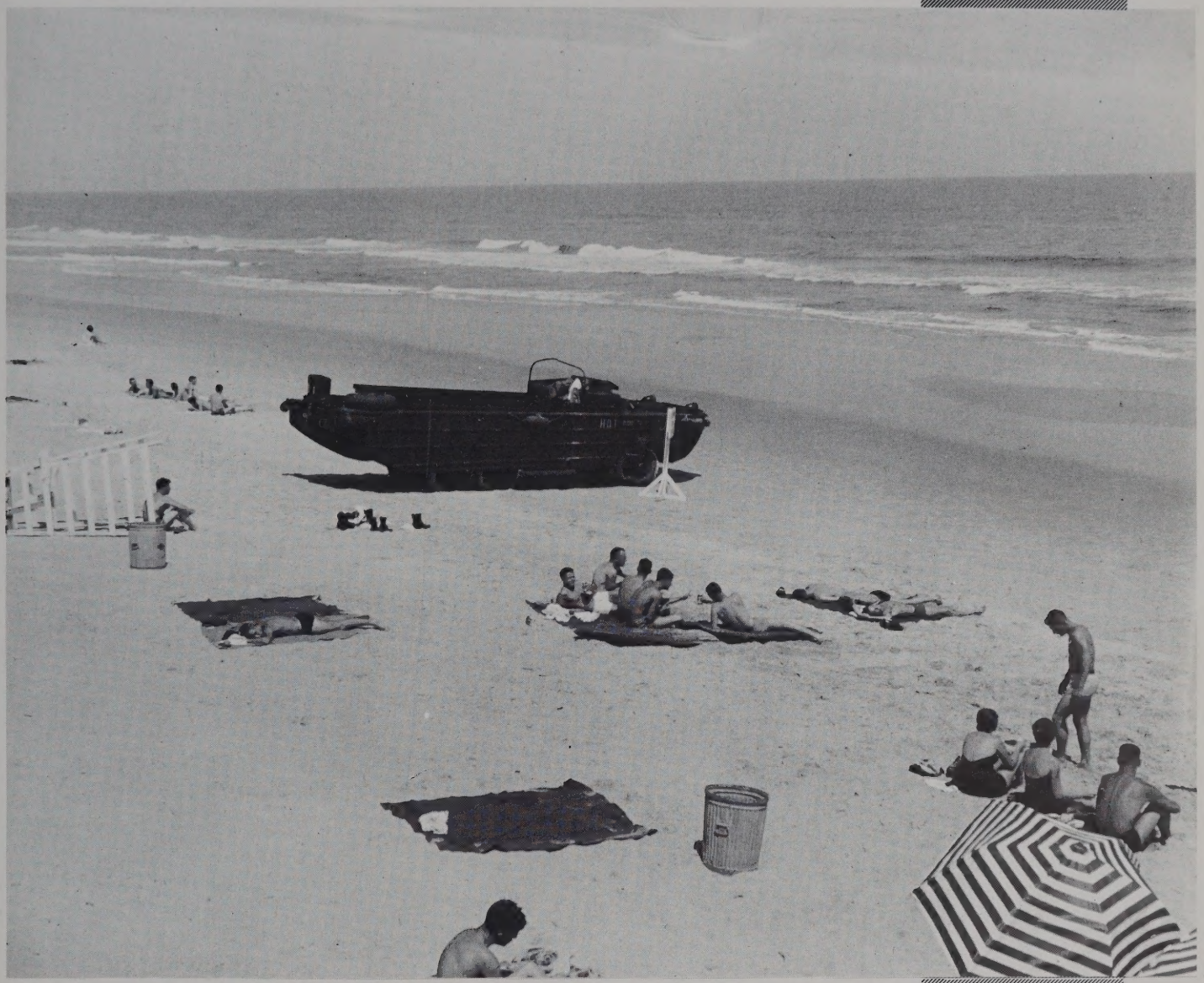
The LSD SAN MARCUS hoists "ducks" aboard during a Mediterranean Cruise



WORK AND RECREATION OVERLAP

Ducks serve as a beach security guard for swimmers using Onslow Beach. This is just another phase of "duck" Co.'s training

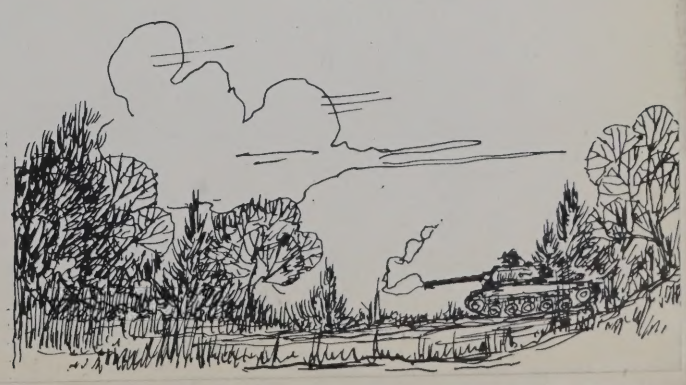
ON WATCH---But it is not very hard work for the beach security detail



Three ducks move down Onslow Beach during a weekly training mission.

A flame tank aims at a distant target during a firing exercise on Vieques.

8TH TANK BN.



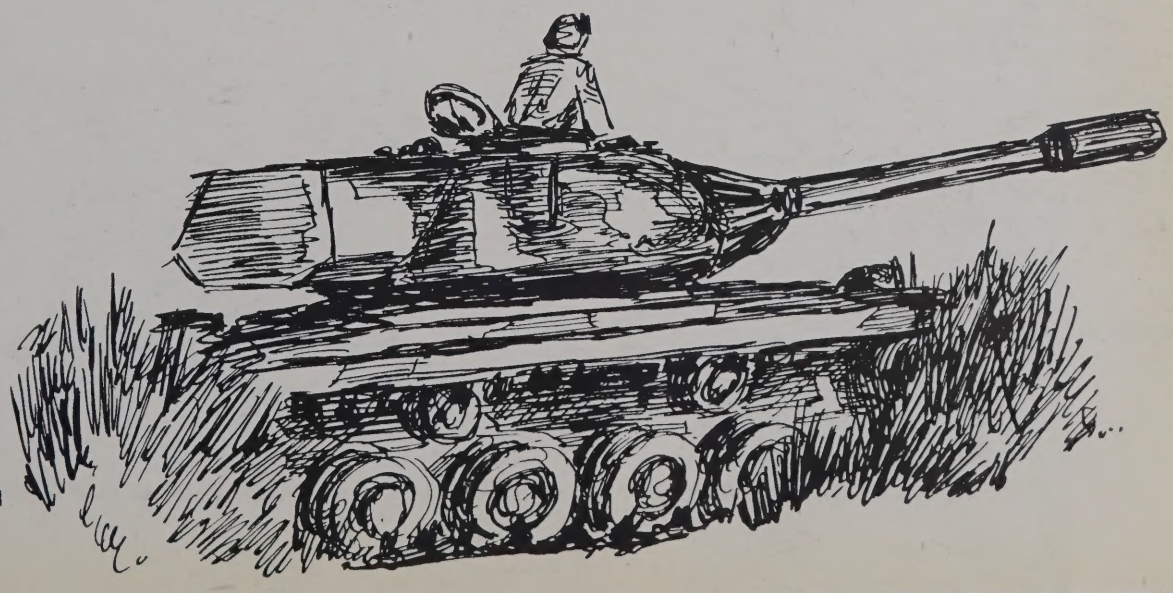
Capt. C.E. Jenkins,
Battalion Adjutant

M/Sgt. Thomas Slocum,
Battalion Sergeant Major

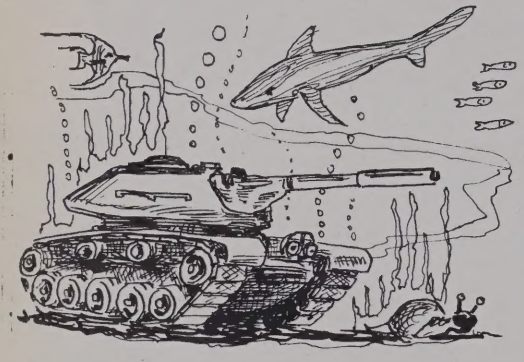
S-1 Section

S-3

Loading 90mm rounds for a firing exercise
at G-7 range, Camp Lejeune



"A" Company tankers receive a safety lecture before a firing exercise.



Sgt., I think we better check that map again!

"A" Co. commander, Lt. D. Arnold, (rt) by a radio jeep

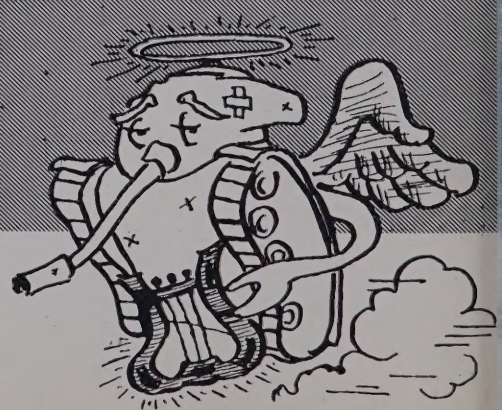
Firing a company front

Working party unloads 90mm ammo

The "brass" of expended rounds is stacked for movement to the reclamation and salvage section

Waiting for the "go ahead" on a firing mission

Day firing - - "George Seven" range



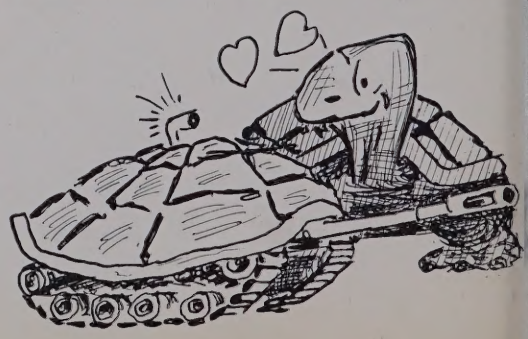
The target - - after a mission

"Chow down" -- "Baker" Co. tankers eat noon chow in the field

Lt. McKenna at a 3/4 ton water trailer

Platoon sergeants draw "C" rations

A reinforced platoon on a firing line



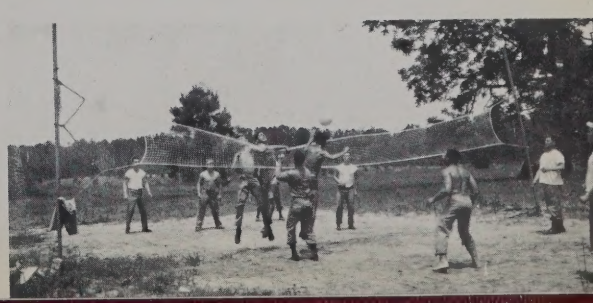
50 cal. machine gun firing exercise

Tankers observe the fire of tank mounted 50 cal. machine guns

A 50 cal. sky mount expends its fire at a moving target

Intramural boxing finals, Traex 3-55, Welterweight division

An impromptu volleyball game



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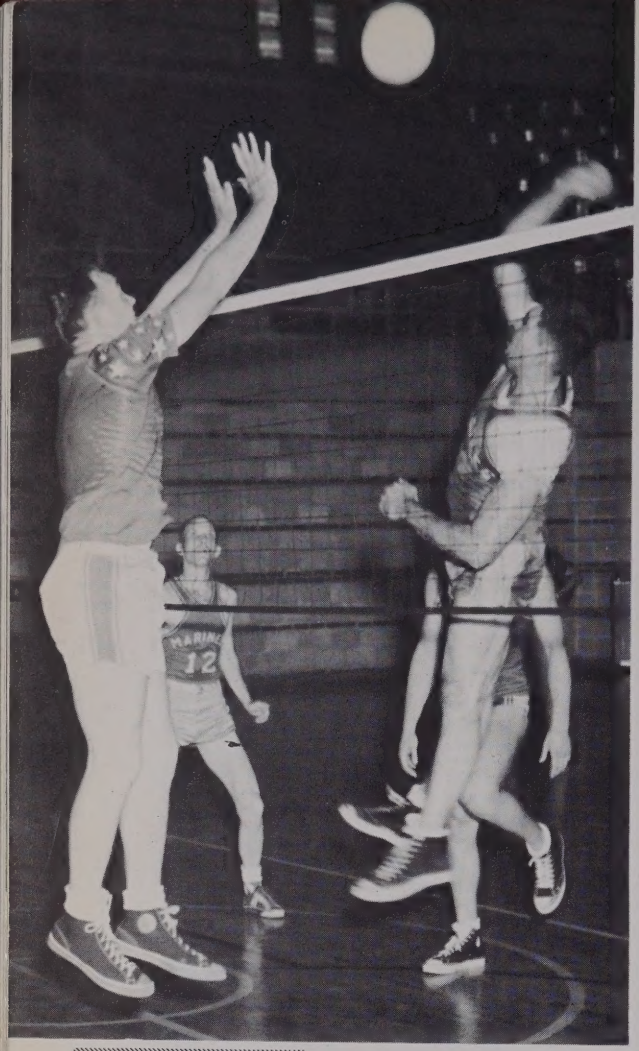


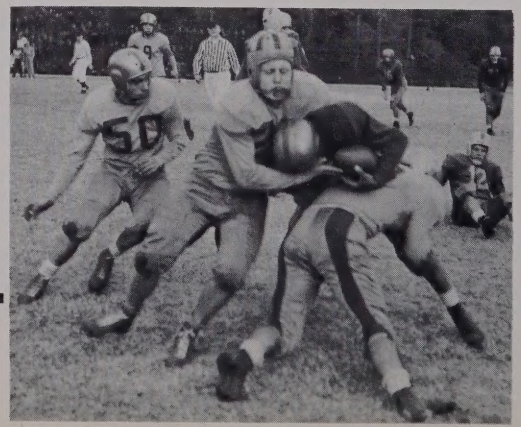
SLAM - - during the Camp Volleyball playoffs which 2nd Am Tracs won 'two out of three'

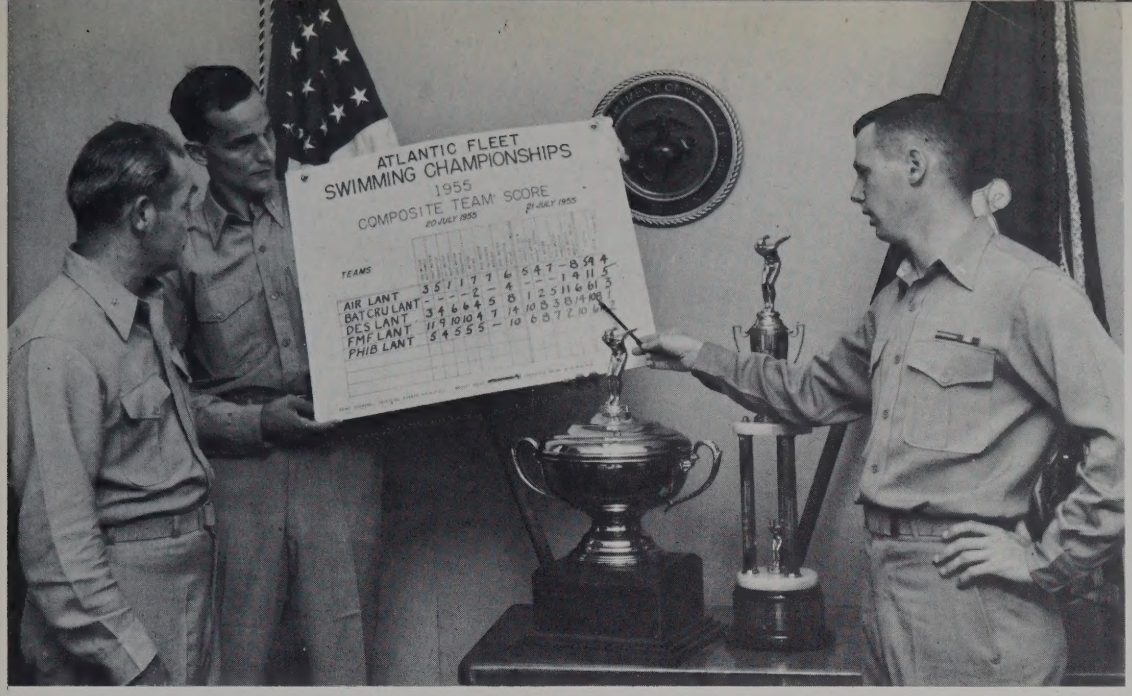
Intramural basketball at the Camp Geiger gym

The Big Team - - the 2nd Amphibian Tractor Bn. football team which were the '54 Force Troops and Camp Lejeune champs

Maj. Gen. A.H. Noble (left) Camp Commanding General, presents the Camp Football trophy to Bob Walker, player-coach of the Am Trac team. Col. W.A. Reaves, Force Troops Chief of Staff stands at right.

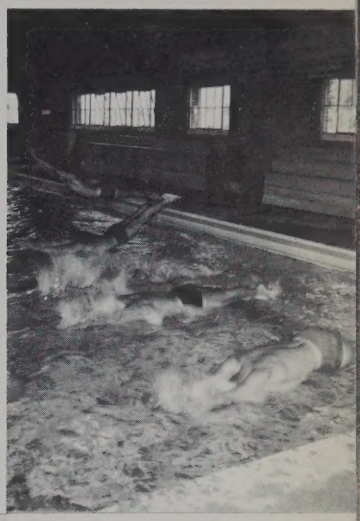
Am Trac players smother an opponent during last years Camp football play-offs





SWIMMING CHAMPS.....Brig. Gen. Jack Juhan, (left) observes the final scores of the teams entered in the Atlantic Fleet Swimming Meet. FMFLant copped the championship and Gen. Juhan presented the trophies shown in the foreground.

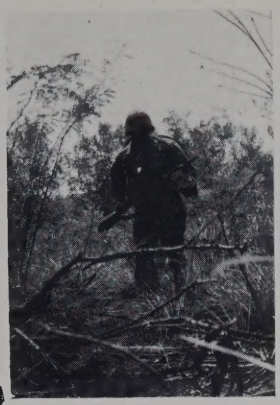
Racing dive - - FMFLant swimmers practice before entering the Atlantic Fleet Swimming meet-



FMFLant swimming team

Brig. Gen. Jack Juhan, Commanding General, Force Troops presents Singles and Doubles Trophies to 1st Lt. A. Chardon, one of the Force Troops Tennis Champs.

RIFLEMEN-------VIEQUES, PUERTO RICO



VIEQUES

"Moving Out" a patrol moves along a Vieques road

CONDITIONING HIKE.....8th Marines move along a Vieques road.

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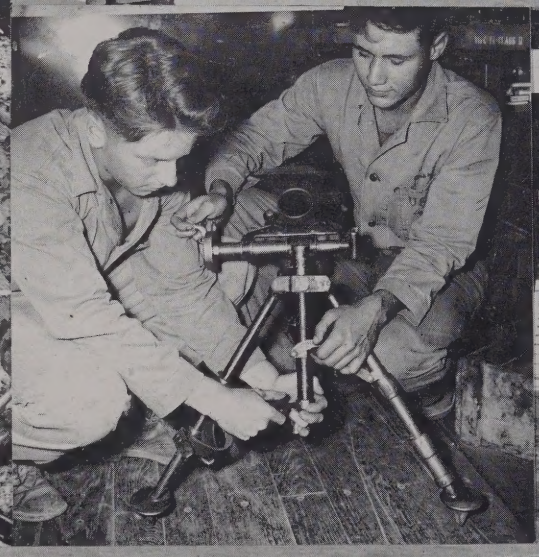

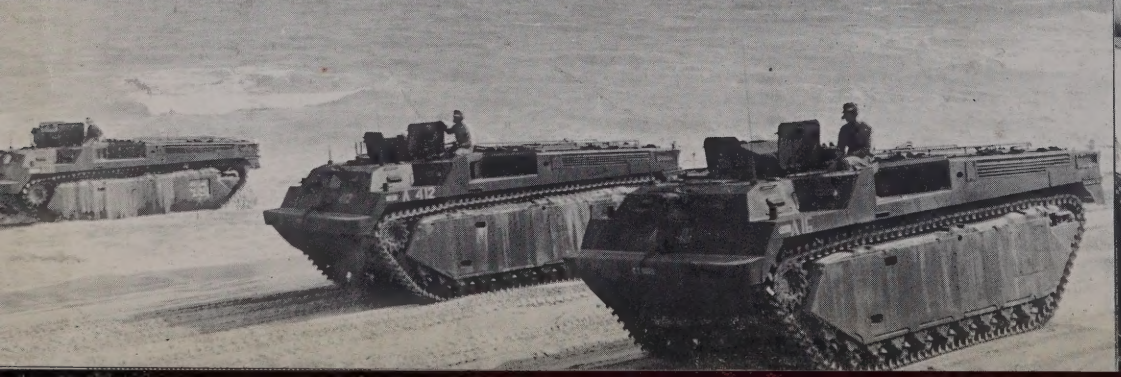

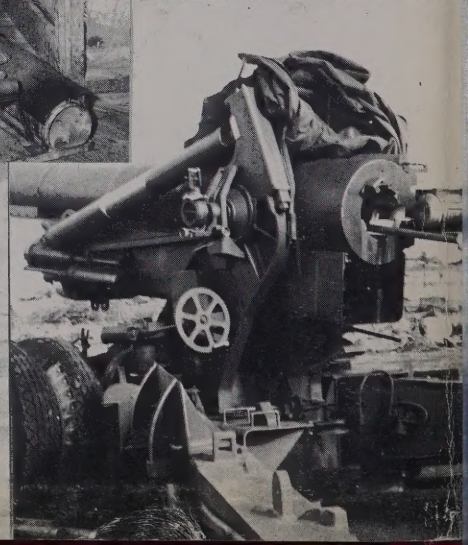

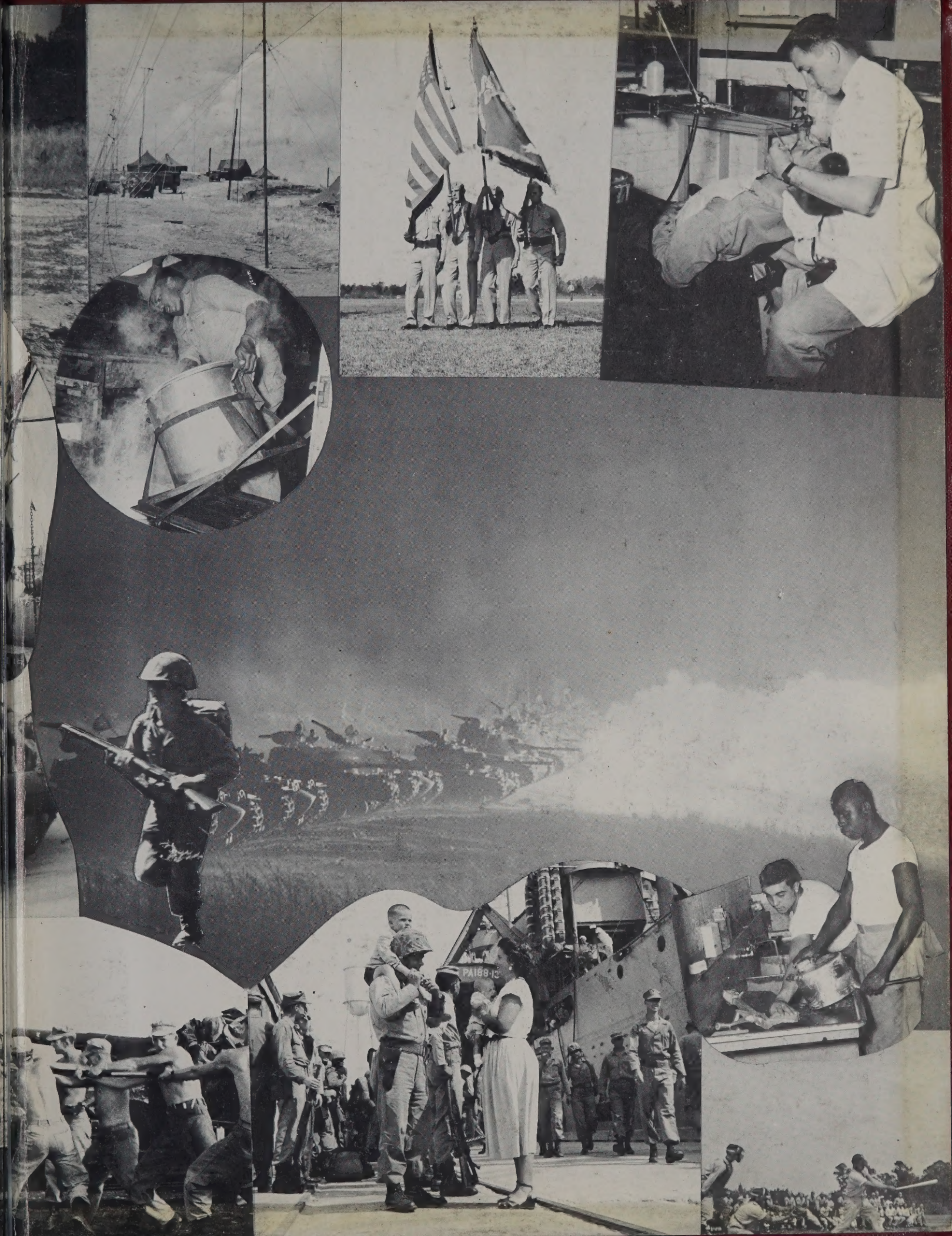
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